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Sent: 16 March 2026 07:56:37 UTC+00:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1996
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 16/03/2026 7:56 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Downsview Paddock New Hall Lane Small Dole West Sussex BN5 9YJ
Proposal:	Proposal for a single pitch settled gypsy accommodation site (Retrospective).
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address: The Henfield Hall Coopers Way Henfield West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Parish Council
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Objection - All agreed. This Committee deems that this application is contrary to HD Planning Framework policies:- - 2 as it is not a nominated site in the Neighbourhood Plan - 19 as it is not a proposal for park homes or caravans to meet a local housing need. - 21 as this is not a strategic allocated Gypsy and Traveller site - 22 as it is not an existing Gypsy or Traveller site: there is no objectively assessed need; nor is it an extension to an existing

site.

- 23 as the site cannot be served by safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access; or cannot be supplied with essential services, such as water, power, sewage and drainage, and waste disposal; or provide adequate vehicle parking; or would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape

In relation to Traveller Sites -

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Planning policy for traveller sites (Updated 12 December 2024) clearly states that the government's overarching aim is to ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic way of life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.

Policy B

Local planning authorities should,

- d) relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding population's size and density
- e) protect local amenity and environment

Henfield Parish approximate size of 1,700 hectares makes up broadly 3% of the geographic area of Horsham District (at approximately 53,000 hectares)

In the last 4 years Henfield Parish has encompassed 9 new gypsy & traveller pitches namely - 2 pitches in Shoreham Road (DC/21/0753), 5 pitches in Furners Lane (DC21/1796) and most recently 3 pitches in Stonepit Lane (DC/24/0367)

These 9 pitches together represent 10% of the stated 93 pitches required by the HDC Local Plan

Henfield is therefore

- Exceeding the target and reasonable allocation (at 10%) of HDC requirements
- Taken a significant overload of pitches comparably to the size of the Parish
- Obviously is exceeding the local need for pitches

Henfield population is also a fraction of the overall population of the whole of Horsham District.

The overriding need to provide gypsy and traveller pitches is not in question but the need to site them all in the Parish of Henfield is strongly challenged.

The government expectation is that these pitches to be in a broad geography number of locations to facilitate the traditional and nomadic way of life - not crammed into one small Parish

Kind regards

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