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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0041
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 23/02/2026 7:55 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Spring Acres West End Lane Henfield West Sussex
Proposal:	Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	Ameys Cottage Stonepit Lane Henfield West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment
Comments:	There have been 7 previous applications for this site from stabling , via holiday cottages to a burial ground. Now we have an application for 9 self build homes. Westend Lane is narrow, below 2 car width potentially dangerous lane. It floods when it rains, and freezes in the winter.. It is used

by school children to access the primary school and the buses to the secondary schools. There is no street lighting except for an isolated lamp of low power every 200 metres. There is no pavement for use by pedestrians.

Any increase in traffic will therefore add to the risks.

WSCC Highways statement says that the location is not sustainable in transport terms. There is no footway and residents will be dependant on the private car, but also suggest cycling and walking as an alternative to reach the village 1.5 miles distant the access to which is already challenging. There are other pertinent points in their submission to be considered.

The previous application for the burial ground claimed the site was equestrian, but used a photograph of previous casual equine occupation to try to prove their point. I am certain that the current owners have never homed a horse here. Certainly the stabling never proceeded beyond a concrete pad. The aim has always seemed to be to obtain housing on what is essence is an agricultural piece of land.

The sloping site drains on to Westend Lane, and ideally drains via a ditch towards the river to the west. Not very successfully as the lane floods in moderate rain. Moreover there is no mains drainage to cope with the run off from the hard surfaces of such a site.

Provision for adequate drainage of surface as well as waste water will need to be considered and set as a condition of any development.

This site was never presented for consideration in the village plan and appears to be contrary to HDC Planning Framework Policies. It is not in the local plan; it is not a nominated site in the neighbourhood plan and is outside the built up area. Indeed this area used to be a conservation area, and as such is in the countryside.

Kind regards

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