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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0770
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/06/2026 7:46 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	New Southwater Sports Club Church Lane Southwater West Sussex RH13 9BT
Proposal:	Erection of a 1.8m fence to separate 2 existing football pitches, a 1.1m low-level spectator barrier around the south-west and north-west edges of the north football pitch and creation of associated permeable accessible path.
Case Officer:	Sam Nye

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Customer Details

Address:	Woodside Barns Green
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Other
Comments:	I have been a member of Southwater FC for around 8 years, and am a former resident of the village. The Club are committed to providing the very best facilities for those taking part, as well as those wishing to spectate. Most players, coaches, and volunteers live in Southwater or in

neighbouring areas.

The proposed fencing to divide the two pitches is required for two main reasons. Firstly, from a safety perspective. The two pitches are in close proximity, and the fence will protect players and spectators on one pitch from unexpected ball strikes from the adjacent pitch. This is of particular importance on a Saturday morning, when it is common for our under 15s or under 16s to be playing a match on one pitch, whilst our soccer school (4, 5, and 6 years) train on the other. Secondly, from a progression perspective. Dividing the pitches is required by the FA's ground grading criteria to allow teams to participate in higher leagues. The proposed fencing is of the same height and design as the existing boundary fence.

The proposed permeable path and spectator barrier are also required for two main reasons. Firstly, (as above) to allow our teams to participate in higher leagues, as they too are part of the FA's ground grading criteria. Secondly, to allow spectators safe access to the pitches, and a safe area to watch the matches from. In the winter months, the grass areas become very wet and muddy, and can become hazardous during periods of poor weather.

The proposed additions are to the pitch located furthest from neighbouring houses, and their visibility will be limited by the sloping landscape and existing trees and hedge rows.

Kind regards

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