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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0090
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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 09/02/2026 10:11 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Old Ambulance Station Hurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 2DN
Proposal:	Variation of condition 9 of previously approved application reference DC/25/1840 (Change of use of building from Class E(f) to Class E(g)(iii) to provide a facility for repair of vehicles) to working on Bank / Public holidays.
Case Officer:	Kate Turner

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Customer Details

Address:	80 Hurst Road Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	Further to my previous objection below, allowing this work to be carried out on public holidays is not in keeping with the current neighbourhood, with all other businesses on Hurst Road being closed.

am writing to formally object to the above planning application seeking to change the use of the Old Ambulance Station on Hurst Road from Class E(f) to Class B2 in order to operate a vehicle repair facility.

My objections are as follows:

1. Noise Impact

A vehicle repair workshop, by its nature, generates significant noise from tools, machinery, engines, and general workshop activity. Hurst Road is a predominantly residential and community-focused area, and the introduction of a B2-class use is likely to create noise levels that would be intrusive and harmful to the amenity of nearby residents. This is particularly concerning during early mornings, evenings or weekends when such noise would be most disruptive.

2. Increased Disturbance and General Disruption

A vehicle repair facility will inevitably involve increased traffic movements, including the arrival and collection of vehicles, deliveries of parts, and associated commercial operations. This will add to congestion on Hurst Road and increase disturbance for pedestrians, residents, and nearby services. The site's previous use as an ambulance station did not generate the same pattern, frequency, or type of traffic associated with a B2 operation.

3. Degradation of the Local Environment and Character of the Area

A B2 industrial use is not in keeping with the character of this part of Horsham. Introducing an industrial workshop risks degrading the appearance and overall environment of the area, both through increased noise and activity and through the potential for clutter, exterior storage, or general industrial impact. This represents a shift away from a community-serving use towards a more intrusive and less compatible one.

4. Incompatibility with Surrounding Uses

Given the proximity of residential properties and community facilities, a B2 operation is poorly suited to this location. There are more appropriate locations for such industrial uses in designated employment or industrial zones, where their impact would not harm residential amenity.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I believe this proposal would have a detrimental impact on local residents, the character of the area, and the overall environment of Hurst Road. I respectfully request that the council refuse this application.

Kind regards

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