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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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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 27/05/2026 10:24 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 180 dwellings, open space and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	126 Brighton Road Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I strongly object to the granting of this applications on a number of grounds. Highway Access: The proposed development is situated adjacent to an already busy arterial route into and out of Horsham. In particular it is situated at the precarious crossroads of Brighton

Road, Doomsday Lane and Sedgewick Lane. Drivers' lines of sight at this junction are impeded by the highway topography. Adding an additional junction for entry and exit to the development will increase the likelihood to traffic accidents. Furthermore, it will increase the use of Doomsday Lane, as a 'rat-run'. As a narrow and traditional country lane, this road is not suitable or capable of absorbing additional traffic.

The proposal makes no accommodation for additional and improved pedestrian or cyclist access towards Horsham town centre. Not only will this inevitably lead to increased car usage (with all the environmental and economic costs associated), but also presents very real dangers to those that do attempt to walk or cycle along the busy Brighton Road.

Environmental/General Amenity/Landscaping: Hornbrook Farm is an important green buffer, marking the accepted boundary of Horsham. Multiple animal, insect and plant species will have their habitat destroyed. The area is also an essential water catchment zone (soak-away), which helps to regulate rainwater run off towards both the Brighton Road and Hammerpond Road. Both roads, at the foot of the hill on which the development is proposed, already witness flooding at times of heavy rainfall. Concrete, tarmac, paving and all other 'hard' building required by the development, will inevitably lead to additional water run-off into these areas, with environmental and access issues thus exacerbated.

Other - Local Infrastructure: This area of Horsham is poorly resourced (in terms of capacity and availability) with the infrastructure that will be required by 180 additional households. In particular schools and medical facilities.

Overdevelopment: The proposed housing development is entirely unnecessary (except as a money-machine for the landowners and developers). The continuing and increasing housing developments around the peripheries of Horsham, Southwater and Broadbridge Heath are more than adequate (excessive?) to meet government targets. In addition to which there are plenty of brownfield sites in and around Horsham which should be utilised and developed before any greenfield sites are considered. I strongly urge that this application be rejected.

Kind regards

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