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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0322
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 24/03/2026 4:53 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Steyning Grammar Upper School Shooting Field Steyning West Sussex BN44 3RX
Proposal:	Part-demolition of existing teaching buildings, MUGAs and all-weather pitch. Construction of replacement 2-storey and 3-storey teaching buildings, flood-lit all-weather pitch and hard surfaced sports courts, with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: 4 The Ridings Steyning

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity
Comments:	I wish to object to part of the SGS redevelopment - namely the immediate and permanent loss of the Multi Sports All Weather Pitch. The current all weather sports pitch is a really well used community asset - it is an astro turf suitable for hockey matches ,

netball , tennis ,rugby and football training too .

This pitch will be built over at the very start of the project - it will be replaced at the end of build with a 3G all weather pitch (It is NOT possible to play hockey or other sports including rugby matches on these 3rd Generation all weather pitches - they are designed for football they have much longer plastic 'turf' with a rubber crumb)

Please be aware that by 2031 EU Environmental Rules will ban completely any products which include microplastics - this includes 3G pitches and Sports Federations are already investigating alternatives . Does it make sense for SGS to be planning a 3G pitch for 2030 ??

Please note that nearly every drawing of the new all weather pitch in the plans is INCORRECT - as it shows the new 3G pitch marked up for hockey as well as football - leading to the FALSE impression that it will be a multi sport surface . This is misleading - the final new all weather 3G pitch will NOT be multisport and the hockey markings should be removed from all diagrams !

The school will be unable to provide any option of hockey for its students into the future and the 4 community Hockey Clubs that use the astro will have no alternative sport provision provided .

I therefore object to the provision of a 3G football only all weather pitch at Steyning Grammar and request consideration for the multi sports astro turf to be replaced - ideally at the start of the build and not after 4years !

Kind regards

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