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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2057
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 01/02/2026 3:59 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Little Slaughterford Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed development of 68 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works including supporting foul and surface water drainage works, and works to existing culverted watercourse on site.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address:	31A Wilbury Gardens Hove
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Other
Comments:	I would like to make an objection to this planning application especially regarding the extra traffic that will be generated, the loss of amenity and the design and appearance of the houses and their effect on the listed buildings in the centre of a rural village. I

would also like to dispute that building in this area is sustainable.

I was brought up in Barns Green and lived in the Village from 1989 until I left for University in 2006 returning many times since, not only to visit my childhood home and to enjoy the Village but also to regularly compete in the Barns Green Half Marathon. I chose to get married in Itchingfield and as a teenager I worked in the Village Shop. I now have a young family and we visit almost weekly and for extended holidays in the summer. Therefore, I think I have plenty of grounds for responding and objecting to this planning application.

INCREASE TO TRAFFIC AND LOSS OF AMENITY

My young girls enjoy walking to the local shop and spotting cows on the way - currently this is reasonably safe with only one minor road to cross. If 68 houses are built on the field, this will undoubtedly increase traffic in the Village and cause disruption during the construction. Will the shop survive with limited parking outside while the houses are built? There will certainly be no cows to spot and will we be able to pick sloes like this year in Smugglers Lane?

We already have experience of the chaos during building works when we walk to feed the ducks at Sumners Ponds and currently have to negotiate various trucks and mud during the building of Sumners Fields.

There is plenty of research that says that green spaces improve Mental Health and certainly, as there are no proper bus routes from Barns Green there will be more traffic with more pollution.

Why destroy this rural environment when there are plenty of other places to build in Horsham District which have far less affect on the countryside.

INAPPROPRIATE BUILDING DESIGN AND AFFECT ON LISTED BUILDINGS.

Barns Green and especially Chapel Road and Plumtree Cross Road are rural environments without footpaths on both sides of the road and with a higgledy-piggledy selection of houses and in fact this site is surrounded by 5 listed buildings Having looked at the proposed designs I can see that these houses will definitely not fit a rural environment due to their height, design and density and will adversely affect the atmosphere at the centre of the Village.

Why destroy this, when in Barns Green and Itchingfield there are other proposed sites which will have far less impact?

SUSTAINABILITY

As much as our family would love to move from Hove to Barns

Green, this would be totally impossible since there are simply insufficient buses or other sustainable ways to travel to Horsham or Billingshurst. My husband and I would have to own two cars and drive to work and Nursery facilities each day. Not to mention driving to the doctors and supermarkets. The only daily buses are at 7am and 4.35pm on week days into Horsham and this is simply is not practical for a family. There are only two buses a week to Billingshurst!! I think it would be difficult to coincide these with a doctor's appointment!

The sustainability of the proposed development and the convenience of the bus routes are totally mis-represented in the Transport Documents attached to the planning application.

Kind regards

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