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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0407
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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 24/07/2024 3:50 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	7 Silver Birches Small Dole West Sussex BN5 9YT
Proposal:	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single story rear and side extensions. Erection of two-story front porch. Extension of hardstanding to front driveway
Case Officer:	Jacques Burrowes

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Customer Details

Address:	20 Willows Court Sir Cyril Black Way LONDON

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other
Comments:	As an incoming neighbour, I am concerned about the addition to the application relating to extension of the front hard stand, which was not part of the original application. As Government guidance indicates, the drains in most urban areas were built many years ago and were not designed to cope with increased rainfall. Paving front gardens further adds to the problem. Although paving over one or two gardens may not seem

to make a difference, the combined effect of lots of people in a street or area doing this can increase the risk of flooding.

The harm caused by paving gardens is not limited to just flooding. Hard surfaces such as concrete and asphalt collect pollution (oil, petrol, brake dust etc) that is washed off into the drains.

Many drains carry rainwater directly to streams or rivers where the pollution damages wildlife and the wider environment. In older areas the rainwater may go into the foul water sewer which normally takes household waste from bathrooms and kitchens to the sewage treatment works. These overflow into streams and rivers in heavy rainfall. As more water runs into foul sewers from paved areas there are more frequent overflows, passing untreated sewage into watercourses.

Replacing grass and plant beds with concrete and asphalt surfaces means that water does not soak into the ground. This reduces the amount that reaches our natural underground aquifers. Some water that soaks into the ground will evaporate back into the air, causing a cooling effect around the house. This is lost if the garden is covered with hard impermeable surfaces and can cause local temperatures to rise (often referred to as the urban heat island effect).

This is a significant and cumulative planning concern especially as the property in question is located adjacent to the National Park and such applications or partial applications should be rejected consistent with the aims of the Climate Change Act 2008 and related statutory directives to Planning Authorities

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Kind regards