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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 05/02/2026 4:14 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: 1 The Chestnuts Barns Green, Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	The proposed buildings are outlandish and over-excessive for the potential reasons you have provided above. I will give a detailed point of view of my objection following my reasonings highlighted.

I believe it would be greatly detrementing a community and its people rather than the idea it would be aiding housing issues across the entirety of the UK. It instead takes the humanity and livelihood out of a historic village where a community is well founded and has been built by many generations.

This parking would be sure to extend down a busy village road, where people come to and fro places like Southwater and Itchingfield, This road is already narrow and quite dangerous enough for any pedestrians and drivers alike. It would cause no available parking for the village shop which is already very limited for staff and their customers. In terms of the pub, its parking would be unnecessarily used by these occupants rather than paying customers who should take priority over these spaces much like staff alike. Parking would extend onto residential roads like 'The Hordens' taking it away from long term residents who may come home and find their driveway blocked. It will make the area very congested creating dangerous to navigate roads and the area may potentially see traffic due to this as well, or a rise in road accidents.

This has already caused people to fear change in the community they once knew and people are irrationally fearing 'the inevitable', there is a certain moral panic created by the threat of people losing their pride and joy in a trusted community of people. I say this because the irrational fear has brought many people who have lived in the village their whole lives to fear they would be run out of the area, and it had lead to people putting their houses on sale. This has occurred due to such moral panic in the village community and we are currently therefore losing key members of our community over the people who feel they have to leave a dying village.

The community itself also comes from its surroundings, a country village is where people may drive through to get to a destination and realise how lovely the area is, as its well looked after by its community, and you can notice this in Barns Green. We are a community of people who care for each other and the wellbeing of our agriculture as well, the landscaping would be ruined by these works as building sites take for granted the area around them and the area they are destroying by putting housing in areas it is not needed, ruining the nature that would surround this building and the community it is destroying. It does not benefit our agriculture to have our land destroyed, it would even make the footpath next to the planned area inaccessible or even demolished in general, an area which joggers, dog walkers and horse-riders alike use to commute to places, and this access will be robbed if built.

It is an overdevelopment and it is currently driving people away from their homes in the village. The new builds in Sumners Ponds are a near 2 minute walk from the area of land in question, so it is

indeed unnecessary for more empty houses to be vacant for months. The government may not have learned from the Sumners estate that the housing in the estate is not selling fast or as much as they would have hoped, even in peak times such as January and December. The job market is slim and the housing issues our country faces are not going to be fixed by more housing because the main issue is the affordability of said real estate, young people can't afford their proposed mortgages and aren't moving out and progressing their lives as they cannot afford to do so. This is an issue the government have not faced and will continue to ruin communities and villages in order to 'fix' nothing and overprice properties no one can afford.

In general this proposal doesn't grant any benefits to the community and it will inevitably cause quite the opposite, with people in the village already looking to move out. This will be pushing for the death of a community and a small village, and the area itself will be tarnished by such new developments as nothing beneficial occurred with the Sumners estate, if anything it is the reason people are moving out as of right now. The surrounding services will close down due to lack of communitability and the village will not get their necessities, social gatherings and evenings hosted at the pub will end which will cause the community to die out further.

Kind regards

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