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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0954
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 29/09/2026 12:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South of Athelstan Way Horsham West Sussex
Proposal:	Residential development for 21no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, hard and soft landscaping at Land South of Athelstan Way, Horsham.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address: Oakleigh Kentwyns Drive Horsham West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment
Comments:	The proposed housing would mean that anyone travelling south from Arun Way or Athelstan will be confronted with an area of dense housing with little wild life and not what you would expect as you move into a more rural location. However, the calculations of housing density and biodiversity that are provided with the application suggest this should not be the case. This is partly because the people who prepared the biodiversity assessment were not informed of the earlier removal of hedgerows, so that

was not included in their calculations and a contribution to increased biodiversity was obtained by including the planting of some small trees to the west of the bridleway. However as it is not practical to build on the bridleway or the land to the west of it and it is separate from the building site this area should not have been included. If the planned housing were next to a canal or river, I do not think it could be argued that the canal and towpath are part of the building site. The developers might promise to plant a few trees on the towpath but I do not think that would justify its inclusion. It is the same when we are dealing with a bridleway. Housing density appears to be low because a part of the site has to be taken up by the access road. If the area to the west of the site is excluded then housing density looks higher and there is no or very little increase in biodiversity.

The application should only apply to the area of land that the developers want to build on, which is the land that has been isolated by putting a high fence around it with notices saying that it is a construction area. I believe the developers own the strip of land to the west of the bridleway and they were within their rights to cut back the hedgerow, they could also plant some trees if they wished and I do not think they would need planning permission to do that so it does not need to be in the application.

I feel that the application is distorted by including a strip of land that is inappropriate

Kind regards

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