

COLGATE PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION COMMENTS

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
SITE ADDRESS:	Land to the Southwest of Blindmans Wood, Woodland Lane, Colgate
PROPOSAL:	Change of use from agricultural to dog walking area (retrospective)
REFERENCE:	DC/26/0968
RECOMMENDATION:	Objection
Colgate Parish Council object to this retrospective application. Colgate Parish Council raise several concerns about the site and application, which include that the fencing is not high enough to contain the dogs being exercised, the large number of dogs being exercised at any one time is a concern and no provision has been made for the removal of dog waste. Dog excrement waste is considered a trade effluent. The Environment Act 1990 sets out the duty of care regarding waste. A waste Disposal License may be required at the site. There are regulations and guidelines for how dogs are transported and there are some concerns that there are too many dogs being exercised off lead at a time with no shelter being provided to protect them from the elements. There is a risk to the animals and contrary to guidance. Colgate Parish Council are also concerned about the number of structures on the site that may require planning permission and are contrary to what the applicant has stated in the application. The Planning Statement does not provide any evidence that this application is in support or benefit of the local rural economy as the application states all of the dogs being transported are from out of the County. Colgate Parish Council also query the map provided. The red line plan shows the applicant has ownership over a private road. Woodlands Lane is privately owned so Colgate Parish Council would suggest the plan is queried. If Horsham District Council are minded to approve this retrospective application, Colgate Parish Council would suggest the following conditions: *No Customer visits *Hours of operation restricted to 10:30am – 1:30pm weekday only and not evenings, weekends or bank holidays. *A Waste Disposal Plan is submitted covering trade effluent. *Higher fencing is installed. *Planning applications submitted for various structures and parking area *restrict the number of dogs being exercised at any one time. In any event, Colgate Parish Council would request that Horsham District Council seek advice from the Council's Animal Welfare Officer regarding this application..	
NAME:	Colgate PC
DATE:	03/09/26