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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0192
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 09/03/2026 8:22 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	14 Owl Close Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9XJ
Proposal:	Erection of a first floor side extension over existing garage, and installation of an additional parking bay.
Case Officer:	Steve Astles

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Customer Details

Address:	1 Oak Road Billingshurst
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I would like to state at the outset that I have no objection to the proposed garage extension itself and appreciate the homeowner may wish to improve their properties. My comments relate specifically to the proposal to create an additional parking space at the side of the house. I am concerned that the creation of this additional parking space could create access difficulties for the neighbouring properties. A

vehicle is already regularly parked in close proximity along this side of the property, and introducing another parking space in this location may make manoeuvring more difficult and could lead to obstruction or access issues along the already narrow street.

I think that it is relevant that the neighbouring residents have regularly parked in this location and certainly ever since I moved in in November 2019. This long-standing arrangement means there is a reasonable expectation that the space can continue to be used in this way. Introducing an additional parking space immediately adjacent to this area would create conflict between vehicles and effectively force those residents to seek alternative parking, despite the arrangement having functioned without difficulty for many years.

The property making the application already benefits from four off-street parking spaces (including their garage), and in practice the household frequently makes use of the visitor parking space directly in front of their property as well. Given this existing level of parking provision, the need for an additional space is unclear. In this context, the proposal may simply displace existing parking arrangements rather than meaningfully improve parking availability, potentially creating additional pressure elsewhere on the streets.

It is also worth noting that there appears to be sufficient space available at the front face of the property should an additional parking space genuinely be required. Locating any further parking provision in this area would be less likely to interfere with established parking arrangements used by neighbouring residents.

I would also like to raise concerns regarding drainage. There is already evidence of water pooling in the area near the neighbouring property. Converting the existing ground to additional hard paving could increase surface water runoff and potentially exacerbate this issue unless suitable drainage measures are implemented.

Finally, I note that vegetation and small trees were removed from this area immediately before the application was submitted. The application documentation indicates that no trees would be removed, which appears inconsistent with the recent works that took place on site. While I understand that there may have been an intention to replant the area, the current proposal instead results in the loss of greenery and the creation of additional hardstanding.

In summary, while I support the garage extension itself, I would ask that careful consideration be given to the potential impacts of the proposed additional parking space, particularly in relation to neighbour access, drainage, and the loss of existing greenery.

Kind regards

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