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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0472
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 27/03/2026 1:32 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at 521816 122277 Eastlands Lane Cowfold West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 9no. dwellings with associated car parking spaces, detached carports, garages and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Tamara Dale

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Customer Details

Address:	7 Oakapple Close Cowfold
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	As a resident of four years in Oakapple Close which backs on to eastlands lane, I feel I'm well placed to comment on the proposed planning application. I walk my dog down Eastlands Lane and then into the fields to the south of Cowfold. Every time I do so, I

take time to enjoy and appreciate the 30-40 Oak trees which line the lane. Each of these trees will be in excess of 250 years old with one, much older Oak tree at the junction further down the lane. They serve not only as magnificent natural structures which play a vital role in the already depleted eco-system we live in; but also as a reminder to us all that whilst we go about our busy lives, these beautiful trees are a peaceful and constant presence. Simply being. They bring me and those who walk along the lane a chance to take stock and appreciate what it is to be alive and not to focus on the bad in the world. It is absolutely critical these trees are preserved now and going forward.

The plans for the development include widening the lane for access. This would either involve removing the trees altogether or at the very least, causing damage to the roots in the process of large machinery widening the lane. Either of these outcomes would show a complete disregard for local wildlife and nature. It would also show immense disrespect to these wonderful old trees which have stood for hundreds of years. I truly believe they deserve to be left alone, undamaged and untouched.

The primary goal of this development is profit. I totally understand there is a need for affordable housing in this country and particularly in the South East. The houses proposed by the developer will not be affordable for most. They will be well out of reach for first time buyers, single parents or those on low to middle incomes. These homes will not serve those who need housing. On that basis, It is unjustifiable for this development to go ahead. Particularly as the sole motivation for this development is profit.

Cowfold will already see a new housing estate to the west of the village. The development of the Rampion power station has been granted. The traffic currently in and out of Cowfold is already too much. We don't need more added by the eastlands lane development.

I encourage the decision makers to thoroughly think and deeply contemplate the ramifications of this application. I trust they will come to a sensible and ultimately, right decision of denying this application.

Kind regards

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