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Application Number: DC/26/0041

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990 (as amended)
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Permission in Principle) (Amendment) Order 2017

On behalf of: Mr T Tingey

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Council hereby REFUSE to permit the works specified hereunder, that is to say:

Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build dwellings.

Spring Acres West End Lane Henfield West Sussex

as shown on Plan and Application Number DC/26/0041 submitted to the Council on 12/01/2026. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse to permit the above works are specified hereunder.

- 1 The proposed development would be sited within an unsustainable location in the countryside, outside of a defined built-up area boundary, and on a site not allocated for housing development within the Horsham District Planning Framework, or a made Neighbourhood Plan. Furthermore, the proposed development is not essential to its countryside location. Notwithstanding the absence of a five-year land housing supply, and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024) at paragraph 11(d), it is not considered that there are any material considerations in this instance which would outweigh harm arising from conflict with Policies 2, 3, 4 and 26 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).
- 2 The development would result in unacceptable encroachment of the countryside to the detriment of the informal and undeveloped character of the wider surroundings. The proposed quantum of development would result in an increase in the built form, in a manner that would suburbanise the site and formalise its setting. The development would appear out of character with the sporadic and informal nature of the surrounding built form, would not protect, conserve or enhance the landscape character of the area, and would not reflect or maintain the settlement characteristics or build pattern of the surroundings. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to Policies 25, 32, and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015) and Policies 1 and 10 of the Henfield Neighbourhood Plan.

Schedule of plans/documents:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Site plan		NONE	09.01.2026
Supporting Statement	Planning, Design and Access	NONE	09.01.2026
Supporting Docs	Comparative Sustainability Assessment	NONE	09.01.2026
Location plan		NONE	12.01.2026

Note To Applicant:

Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received, in order to be able to, where possible, grant permission.



Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control

Date: 02/03/2026

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Right of Appeals

If you are aggrieved by the decision to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

You must appeal within 12 weeks of the date of the decision notice for a householder application or 'minor commercial' (shop front) development, and within 6 months for other types of planning applications. There are different timescale – usually 28 days – if an enforcement notice is/has been served for the same (or very similar) land and development. Please note, only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/casework-dealt-with-by-inquiries>.