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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2089
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 03/02/2026 11:24 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Land Known As Pinkhurst Stud Pinkhurst Lane Slinfold West
Sussex RH13 0QR

Proposal: Sitting of a static caravan as a temporary rural workers dwelling
(Retrospective).

Case Officer: Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address : Slinfold Parish Council Cherry Tree Farm Hayes Lane Slinfold Horsham West
Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Parish Council

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The Parish Council objects to this application based on policy 20 of the Horsham District Local Plan and NPPF which states that temporary rural dwellings will be permitted if:

1. There is a functional need for the dwelling and the occupation of the dwelling is to support the established business use

2. Evidence is submitted to demonstrate the viability of the rural

business for which the housing is required

No evidence has been provided showing the viability of the business and that it is profitable and capable of remaining so. Also, no evidence has been provided that a search for suitable alternative existing accommodation nearby which could be capable of meeting the welfare needs of the livestock has been carried out. Many generic facts have been provided about the equine industry but nothing specific to the longevity of the business.

Furthermore, the applicant only provides statistics on the equine industry in support of the application which leads the reader to believe the viability of the business is only based on 6 horses which, at section 6.3 of the Agricultural Justification Statement states would only be there during "peak periods". Therefore, the Parish Council cannot see how the business will be viable and that there is need to have workers overnight to care for such a low number of horses, which is a principle that is generally accepted in the equine industry.

Lastly, the applicants state under section 5 of their Agricultural Justification Statement that the site comprises PDL but the definition given in the Glossary of the NPPF specifically excludes "land that is or was last occupied by agricultural or forestry buildings" and make the argument that the land comprises grey belt land but, once again, the definition in the NPPF states '-grey belt' is defined as land in the Green Belt comprising". The site does not lie within the Green Belt so neither of these arguments are relevant.

In conclusion, the points raised above do not provide enough evidence to support the building of a temporary rural worker dwelling in this rural location and the Parish Council urge the HDC to refuse the application.

Kind regards

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