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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0322
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 03/04/2026 1:26 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Steyning Grammar Upper School Shooting Field Steyning West Sussex BN44 3RX
Proposal:	Part-demolition of existing teaching buildings, MUGAs and all-weather pitch. Construction of replacement 2-storey and 3-storey teaching buildings, flood-lit all-weather pitch and hard surfaced sports courts, with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address:	2 Coxham cottages Coxham lane Steyning
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	Dear Horsham District Council, The current plans from Steyning Grammar School to build a large 3G football pitch at the front of their rebuild is greatly impactful on

homes within Coxham Lane and Shooting fields, as this will mean that we will have a second highly floodlit and excessively loud football pitch on our doorsteps sandwiching our home between this and local town club. The school themselves conceded at the recent Parish Council meeting, to discuss their proposal, that they are aware of the light pollution that will be caused by the flood lights on the homes of Coxham Lane in particular. They have, however, chosen to keep their plans the same because they do not care or have any respect. This will mean that throughout the afternoons and late into the evenings our homes will be highly lit from flood lights on both sides, this should not be allowed to happen. The school currently has use of Steyning FC's 3G pitch, which is only a minutes' walk from the proposed 3G pitch and was deliberately been cut out of the plans/site drawings when proposing them. Currently within the school grounds are sports fields that could easily accommodate the new pitch.

Parking; Shooting Fields and Coxham Lane already experience negative issues with parking from attendees to Steyning Football Club as these visitors prefer not to pay for parking in the nearby car parks. This parking problem will exacerbate if the additional proposed football ground in the same proximity, is approved. Despite requests to the parish council, there is no controlled parking in either location nor do any traffic wardens ever patrol the area and as such demonstrates an inability for the council to safely deal with the issues one sporting venue creates let alone another.

The 3G Pitch itself is an environmental hazard as the rubber crumb infill is a major source of microplastics that get picked up and deposited into the local environment by those who use the pitch and this will harm the local environment as seen in DEFRA's May 2025 report. This report illustrates 3G football pitches are the highest source of added Microplastics in the environment. It has also been documented that the particles can become airborne causing respiratory issues to those that use the surface and to the neighbouring residents as they are carried by the wind into local homes. The pitches have also been shown to leach toxins and heavy metals such as lead, arsenic and mercury into the surrounding environment and ground water which could affect the local wildlife, pets, soil and neighbours. 3G Pitches are an unsustainable option as they must be replaced every 10 years which is highly wasteful and will also become an unnecessary cost to the school and by extension the council, then by default us the taxpayer as it is costly to replace these and as the EU has banned the further purchase of 3G pitches after 2031.

The removal of the current astroturf will likely mean the disbandment of several hockey clubs and the removal of grass roots hockey for the kids that play for the school. There are over 200 members of hockey clubs that currently use the Astro and as most of the AstroTurfs that existed in the county have been removed and the players have been using the surface for far longer than many if not all of the people currently involved in the development. This shows the lack of respect that they have for the

clubs and people of the village that use the space.
I would suggest that the school keeps the current well made and highly used Astroturf and reshape their proposed buildings around it. We ask that residents of Coxham Lane and Shooting Field are considered, and not expected to tolerate a second football club placed against our homes where it will undoubtedly highly affect our quality of life.

Kind regards

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