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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0272
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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 03/04/2026 3:34 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Holmbush Farm Crawley Road Faygate West Sussex RH12 4SE
Proposal:	Part-retrospective change of use from agricultural to mixed use comprising agriculture and education / training workshops, including external alterations
Case Officer:	Sophie Moore

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Customer Details

Address:	Holmbush House Crawley Rd Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Overdevelopment
Comments:	If officers approve this application, please ensure that the following issues are addressed in regulatory conditions: - Classrooms - The Holmbush Farm website identifies 'Solar Loft Classrooms' as sites for educational activity. Much of this education appears to be marketed at children (from the website graphics). Given the proposed change of use is for, in large part, children's education (in a building that has permission for

agricultural equipment storage), could HDC ensure all required standards for children's educational premises are satisfied before the use is initiated.

- Workshops/classrooms - To prevent overdevelopment and future non-farm activity at this site, HDC should be absolutely clear that any approved use must be ancillary to the agricultural activity on the farm. Future conversion to office space for non-ancillary activity should be specifically excluded.

- Hours of operation - The site is situated on the High Weald Natural Landscape (AONB) and, as such, there is a precedent for limiting non-agricultural use. A restriction of use of the classrooms to weekday office hours, in line with the businesses on the farm, will help protect the site from overdevelopment.

- BESS - The application mentions site visits from battery technology companies. It is not clear whether the solar barn build has associated battery storage, or if there are plans for this. Could HDC ensure that any battery storage on site satisfies the necessary safety requirements.

Kind regards

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