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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1234
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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 26/08/2026 12:38 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address:	Winstons Farm Muttons Lane Ashington West Sussex RH20 3AL
Proposal:	Prior Notification for the erection of 2no. agricultural buildings.
Case Officer:	Sam Nye

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Muttons Farm Muttons Lane Ashington

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment
Comments:	We strongly object to the above planning notification on the following grounds: Over development - Winston's Farm is a farm by name only and has not been used for any business enterprise, agricultural or otherwise for over 50 years. A substantial barn was erected two years ago that has no agricultural purpose or use. The dwelling sits in 12 acres that includes a formal garden, two small paddocks and an area of bridleway. Therefore, it does not fall within the 12.5 acres required for Permitted Development. It is misleading to claim there are 40 acres. Two further barns are an excessive and unnecessary over development of the site.

Agricultural Purpose - historically there has been no agricultural businesses associated with this property. The applicant rents the small paddock to a local farmer who grazes it for 6 months of the year. There has been no other agricultural activity and the paddock has never been cut for hay. We also question the calculations provided in the application. With sustained drought periods, hay production is much diminished each year and the small paddock would not produce the numbers quoted.

Tree Preservation Order - there is area of woodland alongside the barns with TPO's which includes a veteran oak. The British Standards BS 5837 states that a Root Protection Area be established 15 metres from the trunk. The barn to the south encroaches this as does the proposed access road along the boundary to the second barn.

Fire Risk - hay storage is a well known high fire risk and to situate two hay storage barns in such close proximity to a private dwelling, places unnecessary risks, making the dwelling and woodland vulnerable to fire damage especially in this time of climate change and drought.

Precedent - Winston's Farm has seen continuous and unrelenting attempts to develop the site over the last 10 years. Of note is the stables built purely as a footprint for further development. It has been refused twice and dismissed at appeal. It is currently at appeal stage yet again. It is also on the site of one of the proposed barns. There is now a clear and sustained intention to build under the guise of agricultural necessity to enable further footprints to be created for development. We therefore respectfully ask that this notification be scrutinised rigorously and not permitted

Where did you hear about this application?	Online
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Kind regards

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