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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0472
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 29/04/2026 8:51 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Eastlands Lane Cowfold West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 9no. dwellings with associated car parking spaces, detached carports, garages and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Tamara Dale

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Customer Details

Address:	3 Oakapple Close Cowfold
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I object to planning application DC/26/0472 (housing development at Eastlands Lane, Cowfold) for multiple reasons: Eastlands Lane is designated as a Local Green Space in the Cowfold Neighbourhood Plan. The area has significant value to local wildlife; relatively small-scale agricultural fields with thick hedges are primary habitat for many declining, iconic British

species that have adapted to utilise these habitats alongside farming, such as hedgehogs, pipistrelle bats, barn owls, woodpeckers, and red kites - all listed species that I have personally seen on walks/runs down this lane.

More than this, Eastlands Lane is a Local Green Space with high value to local people and the sense of community. From my childhood I have used this lane multiple times a week for walks and runs, and it is frequently used by local people for dog walking and accessing allotments. Physical activities within natural green spaces are well-evidenced to reduce stress and anxiety, alleviate other mental health challenges, and reduce cardiovascular diseases - tackling strains on local health services at their source.

Furthermore, this lane acts in a similar way to the village green in connecting the local community. I have regularly encountered neighbours, scout leaders, local football club members, and allotment users, which are key to the local community and would otherwise not happen.

The proposed development could increase traffic volume two-fold from new residents and delivery drivers, threatening not only this important green space that is directly being developed, but also the wider green space. It is also clear from other local developments that newly constructed green spaces are inadequate replacements for all the benefits described above, which come with preserving existing green spaces of high value.

Local Neighbourhood Plans enable local communities to think strategically about a future vision for their area that preserves areas of value to them and facilitates much-needed housing developments to be targeted in areas of lower value. What is the purpose of giving local communities this say in shaping their local area, if it is to be ignored in order to develop areas that extend the village boundary and will likely act as a gateway to the overdevelopment of a further ~40 houses?

Kind regards

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