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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/1410
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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 27/11/2024 10:11 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Roffey Football Club Bartholomew Way Horsham West Sussex RH12 5JL
Proposal:	Installation of stop netting on two football pitches. Erection of new dugouts and relocation of existing dugouts (Retrospective)
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address:	Shottermill Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	The QR code posted on the Site Notice was tampered with by persons unknown weeks ago and has been unusable, so the Council may not have as many comments on this application as might have been the case. The Council needs to note that this so-called progress in technology is not foolproof.

Sport England (SE) refer to the need for minimum standard facilities for Step 5 senior league football. However, Step 5 football is only played on field one so the SE ground requirements do not apply to Field 2. There is no compelling need for nets and dugouts on Field 2 where junior/youth level football is played.

Many trees have been felled in recent years due to ash die back. There is now no issue whatsoever in finding misdirected balls behind the goals on Field 2 and the imposition of ugly netting, visually harmful and dangerous to wildlife, is completely disproportionate to the minor inconvenience in retrieving balls. The netting will also block natural paths through the woods onto the public open space fields used by many members of the public throughout the year.

The Consultant's (WPS) Planning Statement states that the nets will be approx. 5m in width. If the Council grants permission for either field, it should be a formal planning condition that the width of the nets does not exceed 5m as stated in the application.

Kind regards