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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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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 01/06/2026 6:10 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 180 dwellings, open space and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address: 13 Brambling Close United Kingdom Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Dear Case Officer, I am writing to formally object to the proposed development on multiple grounds. As a local resident, I am deeply concerned that the application fails to address critical constraints regarding the local environment and infrastructure.

1. Inadequate Ecological Assessment

The submitted ecology report is fundamentally flawed and fails to recognize documented local wildlife.

Omission of Protected Species: The report fails to acknowledge known land and aquatic species present on and adjacent to the site.

Available Evidence: Tangible records and evidence of both Lamprey and Kingfishers have already been submitted directly to the Case Officer.

The failure to account for these species means the development's true environmental impact has not been properly assessed, in conflict with local conservation policies.

2. Deficient Road Infrastructure and Pedestrian Safety

The applicant's assertion that the walking route is "safe and enhanced" completely contradicts reality. The existing road infrastructure is entirely inadequate to support the increased pedestrian traffic this scheme would generate.

Substandard Infrastructure: The current footpath provision and overall pedestrian strategy are insufficient.

Hazardous Crossings: Local knowledge dictates that pedestrians will inevitably use the highly dangerous crossing into the alley at Sandeman Way, as it is marginally less hazardous than the Kerves Lane junction. Neither option offers a safe route.

Lack of Lighting & Isolation: The nearest street lamp is nearly 0.5 km away. While a lack of lighting is appropriate for a rural location, it highlights why this site is entirely unsuitable for a high-density development. Because this site sits outside the extended urban boundary, it remains isolated and lacks safe connectivity to the town center.

3. Increased Danger to Children and School Routes

The proposed emergency access off Doomsday Lane creates a highly dangerous incentive for vulnerable pedestrians.

Existing Pedestrian Pressures: I live on a primary route used by children to access local schools. Currently, the footpath into Brambling Close is heavily utilized by residents from Ghyll Crescent and Dickens Way.

Creation of a "Shortcut" Hazard: The introduction of an emergency access point onto Doomsday Lane will inevitably create a desire line (shortcut) for school children looking to save time.

Doomsday Lane is entirely unlit, narrow, and features no footpath. Forcing or encouraging child pedestrians onto this rural lane presents an unacceptable, severe safety risk. There are currently no measures proposed to deter or prevent this outcome.

Conclusion

This application shows a consistency of poor planning. It offers an unacceptable level of safety for both existing and future residents while simultaneously threatening vital local wildlife.

I strongly urge Horsham District Council (HDC) to refuse this application.

Kind regards

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