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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0192
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 07/03/2026 8:08 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	14 Owl Close Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9XJ
Proposal:	Erection of a first floor side extension over existing garage, and installation of an additional parking bay.
Case Officer:	Steve Astles

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Customer Details

Address:	5 oak road Billingshurst
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking
Comments:	Formal Objection to proposal We write to formally object to the proposed parking bay on Oak Road, as advertised. 1. Existing Parking Stress Parking on our road is already severely constrained. The removal of additional unrestricted on-street parking will materially and disproportionately impact immediate residents. The proposal will

create displacement parking further along the road, increasing congestion and pressure in neighbouring sections.

2. Location and Proportionality

The proposed bay is not located outside the applicant's property or on their road of residence. Instead, it is positioned on a separate road whose residents will bear the direct impact.

The applicant also has access to off-street parking via their driveway and on street parking where the visitors bay is used permanently by residences of the applicant. In these circumstances, the necessity and proportionality of allocating dedicated on-street space - particularly in a different road - must be carefully scrutinised.

3. Increased Demand from Multi-Occupancy Use

Our understanding is the applicant's property is being used as a house in multiple occupation (HMO), which already increases parking demand in the surrounding area (6 vehicles). Approving a dedicated bay in a neighbouring road would effectively transfer parking pressure from that property onto unrelated households and allow the applicant to park in front of the bay which can cause additional safety risk. Photo attached.

4. Highway Safety Concerns

The proposal raises significant safety concerns under the Highway Authority's duty to ensure safe and convenient movement of traffic:

The bay would obstruct or materially impede access to an existing neighbour's driveway.

It is positioned close to a bend, reducing forward visibility.

It would reduce sight lines for both drivers and pedestrians.

It would narrow the effective carriageway width especially as the applicant could and has parked vehicles in this area before causing obstruction.

It creates increased risk for elderly residents and young families crossing the road and loading vehicles, particularly given restricted visibility and lack of paths.

These factors appear contrary to highway safety principles and could increase collision risk.

5. Procedural and Statutory Concerns

I respectfully request confirmation that:

The Traffic Regulation Order has been properly advertised in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

All directly affected residents have been formally notified.

An equality impact assessment has been undertaken where applicable.

A site safety assessment has been completed considering proximity to bends and private driveways.

Given the above material considerations - parking stress, proportionality, highway safety, and procedural compliance - I respectfully request that West Sussex County Council refuse the proposal in its current form.

Yours faithfully

Kind regards

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