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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1199
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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 06/09/2026 5:52 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Priory Fields Monastery Lane Storrington West Sussex RH20 4LN
Proposal:	Demolition of existing timber shed and erection of replacement timber building.
Case Officer:	Sam Nye

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Customer Details

Address:	Furzedown Kithurst Lane Storrington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I object to the present planning application. - It is not made clear why, in rebuilding the shed, it needs to be bigger. There is already, in the near corner of the field, a sizeable "barn" built expressly for the use of volunteers in the rewilding project, and the storage of machinery. In his Access and Design statement, Mr Orpwood makes the absurd claim that he has been

compelled to abandon the rewilding and disband the volunteers due to an enforcement order to remove the windows from this barn. I wish to remind interested parties that it was he who submitted the original plan for the barn in 2018 (DC/18/1695) where no windows featured in the design. He included windows in the eventual build; this was without planning consent so, understandably, he was ordered to remove them. This does not look like an anti-rewilding conspiracy.

- It is common knowledge that Mr Orpwood wants to use Priory Field for residential development. Several planning applications have been made over the last 26 years, all of which have been rejected. The objections to such development, on grounds of loss of amenity, lack of sustainability, overcrowding and safety issues with regard to an already overstretched road junction, have been upheld and remain matters of deep concern. The one exception has been the "barn". When the plans for this barn were submitted concerns were raised that it might eventually be turned into a residential unit, a foot in the door, so to speak, for further residential development. That is in fact how it has turned out. In February this year an application to do just that has been permitted. Mr Orpwood has, on spurious grounds, abandoned the use of a sizeable barn for rewilding and field maintenance, and now wants to bring another building into play for this purpose. What is to say that in a few years reasons won't be found to enlarge the shed still further and, eventually, turn it into another residential unit?

- There is also the issue of access. This, strangely, is not dealt with in the Access and Design statement but indicated elsewhere. Access would be from two points, the Kithurst Lane entrance and one leading off from the Monastery Lane/School Lane junction. The former is superfluous and would no doubt lead to the laying of a more permanent driveway along the boundary with Furzedown, preparatory to further development; the other, leading from the corner and across the field would cause a bit less disturbance for neighboring properties, though in past experience traffic across the field has caused disturbance in the neighborhood. The Kithurst Lane entrance stands at a particularly narrow stretch of the Lane and there are visibility issues for vehicles turning out of it. Using this entrance could have consequences for people using this stretch as a footpath, that being its official designation.

- The construction of a larger, brick-based and more solidly built shed in an apparently isolated part of the field would inevitably lead to it also being used for social gatherings, causing disturbance for neighboring properties. It remains a relevant question how much time is actually needed per week for the rewilding and maintenance.

For all the reasons above I urge the planning authorities to reject this application.

Kind regards

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