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Sent: 19 May 2026 08:09
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0246
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 19/05/2026 8:08 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Unit 28 Huffwood Trading Estate Brookers Road Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9UR
Proposal:	Change of use from light industrial building (Class E(g)(iii)) to a mixed use of light industrial and gym / fitness studio (Class E(d)).
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address: Foxhanger barn, Foxbridge Lane Kirdford West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I would like to offer my full support for planning application DC/26/0246 regarding the change of use for Unit 28 Huffwood Trading Estate into a mixed-use light industrial and gym/fitness studio. I believe this application would be a huge benefit to the local community and hope Horsham District Council to support it. Paul has created far more than just a studio or fitness space. Over the last few years he has built a genuine community that has helped many local people through difficult periods in their lives, improving not only physical fitness but also mental health, confidence and wellbeing. The environment he has created is welcoming, supportive and positive for people of all ages and backgrounds. Personally, [REDACTED], Paul was incredibly supportive and helped me regain confidence and get back

to work. I know many others who have also benefited from the support, encouragement and sense of community he has created.

One of the trips away organised by Paul was a fitness and wellbeing trip which I personally used [REDACTED]. Whilst away, it quickly became noticeable that many people attending were also dealing with various personal struggles and challenges in their own lives. The trip created a fantastic environment for local people to support one another, talk openly, eat healthy food, exercise and focus on improving both their mental and physical wellbeing together.

The group regularly organises community activities and social events, including charity fundraising and trips away, helping people connect and support one another. In a time where mental health and isolation are major issues, facilities and communities like this are extremely valuable and should be encouraged.

The unit itself is smart, tidy, well maintained and perfectly suited for this type of use. This proposal would make excellent use of an existing commercial premises while also bringing positive health, wellbeing and social benefits to the local area.

Paul is also very well known and respected within the community and has raised significant amounts for charity over the years, further demonstrating the positive impact he has locally.

I sincerely hope the council makes a sensible and reasonable decision to approve this change of use application, as it will have a genuinely positive effect on many local people and the wider community.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

Kind regards

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