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Sent: 11 August 2026 15:57
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1093

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 11/08/2026 3:57 PM [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Ashfolds Horsham Road Rusper West Sussex RH12 4QX
Proposal:	Demolition of stable building and erection of a detached self-build dwelling, creation of driveway, parking and landscaping. Use of retained stable building as garage.
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Ghyll cottage High street Rusper

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	I am writing as a neighbouring resident and long-standing member of the Rusper community to express my strong support for planning application DC/26/1093. I particularly wish to highlight the importance of this application as a genuine self-build project for the owner herself, rather than a proposal simply intended to create a property for speculative development or sale. The applicant has been a resident of Rusper for over 30 years and is someone who has a longstanding and meaningful connection to the village. She has been an active member of the local community and has contributed to village life over many years. Her connection to Rusper is therefore deeply established, and this proposal would allow her to remain living within the community to which she has belonged for such a significant proportion of her life. I feel this is an important consideration when looking at the proposal in its wider context. This is not simply the creation of another house in the village; it is an opportunity for a long-standing local resident to create a home specifically for herself, on land associated with her

existing property, and to continue living within the community she knows and has contributed to for more than three decades.

The fact that the proposed dwelling is a self-build is also significant. It means that the design can be tailored to the applicant's own requirements and circumstances, rather than being a standard house designed primarily for the wider housing market. In my opinion, this gives the proposal a genuine purpose and makes the development particularly appropriate to the circumstances of the site.

As someone living nearby, I believe it would be a positive outcome for Rusper to retain a long-standing resident within the village. Established residents are an important part of the character and continuity of a small village community, and enabling someone with such a long connection to Rusper to remain here should, in my view, be regarded positively. The proposal also makes use of an existing developed part of the property. The existing stable building is proposed to be removed, with part retained for use as a garage, while the new dwelling, driveway, parking and landscaping are incorporated into the site. This provides an opportunity to improve and rationalise the existing buildings and create a more appropriate long-term use of the site.

I appreciate that the Council's decision must ultimately be based upon the relevant planning considerations. However, I believe the personal circumstances behind this self-build proposal provide important context when considering the application as a whole. From my perspective as a neighbour, I would be very pleased to see the applicant able to remain in Rusper and create a home for herself on this site. Given her more than 30 years as a local resident and her longstanding involvement in the community, I believe the proposal would have a positive social and community benefit as well as providing a carefully considered new dwelling.

I therefore strongly support planning application DC/26/1093 and respectfully ask Horsham District Council to give the application favourable consideration.

Where did you
hear about this
application?

Not specified

Kind regards

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