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Villagers fight controversial proposals for former landfill

● CEMEX plans to import 960,000 tonnes of inert soils and clays to improve water drainage

Sam Morton

RESIDENTS in Small Dole are calling for the county council to reject controversial plans, that could see nearly one million tonnes of material transported to a former landfill site over the next six to eight years.

The Small Dole Action Group has launched a campaign against proposals, by CEMEX, to import approximately 960,000 tonnes of inert soils and clays to the former Hales landfill site.

The planning application, reference WSCC/004/26, involves bringing around 500,000 cubic metres of material to the site to reshape the former landfill and create a layer intended to improve the management of rainwater and leachate.

According to CEMEX's planning statement, the work would take place over six to eight years, with material imported at a rate of around 140,000 tonnes a year.

A statement proposed by the Small Dole Action Group read: "We are being asked to accept nearly one million tonnes of material being brought into our countryside over the next six to eight years. That is an extraordinary undertaking for a small rural community.

"Small Dole has already lived with the legacy of landfill operations. Residents should not now be expected to accept years of further disruption without the strongest possible justification and independent scrutiny.

"We are deeply concerned about the effect on our roads, our homes, our environment and the people who live here.

"West Sussex County Council has a responsibility to consider the wider consequences of this proposal, not simply the engineering objectives put forward by the applicant.

"We want to know whether every alternative has been properly examined and whether all environmental and highways concerns have genuinely been resolved.

"Our message is clear: we object to this development, and we are asking the council to reject it."

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Old boys return to Steyning Grammar School



The Grammarians were shown plans for the school's future and shared memories of what life was like there 70 years ago with current year-nine students in the boarding house. *Pages 28 & 37*

Local Plan is found to be sound

THE government's Planning Inspector has indicated Horsham's Local Plan will be found to be sound following two weeks of examination hearings – but campaigners remain concerned over the impact of developments on the area. *Page 7*

MPs launch Christmas card contest

THE district's MPs, John Milne and Andrew Griffith, have launched their annual Christmas card competitions. Children across their constituencies have been invited to get into the festive spirit and send in their designs. *Page 38*

Funding to help cover SEND deficit

WEST Sussex County Council has secured £182.7m of Government funding to help deliver better outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). *Page 53*



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PLANNING NOTICES

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Notice is given that the following applications have been submitted to Horsham District Council between 19th and 23rd October 2026. The list below only includes applications we are legally required to advertise. You can view a full list of applications and comment on applications on the Council's website at horsham.gov.uk. By law, we have to allow 21 days for comments to be received. In practice, we accept comments after this date. Comments received will be published on our website.

S106/26/0046 Land North of The Rise Partridge Green West Sussex
Modification to the s106 Agreement under planning permission DC/22/0301 to:
1) remove the requirement for First Homes, and amend the affordable housing tenure mix to 22 Affordable Dwellings comprising 15 Affordable Rented Units/Social Rented Units and 7 Shared Ownership Units;
2) include a Mortgagee Exemption Clause for the Social Rented Units to align with NHF standard wording and amended for the Shared Ownership Units;
3) replace the RPI reference with CPI;
4) enable any Open Market Dwellings used as additional Affordable Housing, but not bound by the terms of the s106 Agreement;
5) amend the mortgagee release clause within the specimen Nominations Agreement to align with the NHF standard wording;
Discharge of the Unilateral Undertaking under planning permission DC/22/0301 relating to water neutrality.
Reason for Advert: Section 106.

DC/26/1606 The Bungalow The Haven Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9BN
Demolition of the existing cottage and erection of 2-storey dwelling.
Reason for Advert: Affecting Setting of a Listed Building.

DC/26/1586 Woodfords Shipley Road Southwater West Sussex RH13 9BQ
Variation of Condition 12 of previously approved application DC/21/2180 (Outline application for the erection of up to 73 new dwellings (up to 100% affordable housing) and retention of existing farmhouse building, associated public open space, landscaping, drainage and highway infrastructure works, including vehicular access from Shipley Road, with all matters reserved except for access) to modify wording to condition relating to Water Neutrality.
Reason for Advert: Major Development.

DC/26/1561 Threals Farm Cottages Threals Lane West Chiltington West Sussex RH20 2RF
Demolition of 2 No dwellings and erection of 4 No dwellings with associated parking and landscaping
Reason for Advert: Conservation Area.

DC/26/1572 Farren Court The Street Cowfold West Sussex RH13 8BP
Erection of single storey side extension and alterations to existing office building.
Reason for Advert: Affecting Setting of a Listed Building. Conservation Area.

DC/26/1338 Stane Street Hollow Stane Street Codmore Hill Pulborough West Sussex RH20 1BG
Replacement of first floor front windows, front door and first floor side window (Listed Building Consent).
Reason for Advert: Listed Building.

DC/26/1609 Copper Beeches The Street Thakeham West Sussex RH20 3EP
Erection of single storey rear and side extension.
Reason for Advert: Affecting Setting of a Listed Building. Conservation Area.

DC/26/1014 The Henfield Club Cagefoot Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9HD
Replacement of 4no. existing metal/crittal windows in the western elevation with uPVC windows (Listed Building Consent).
Reason for Advert: Listed Building.

DC/26/1526 Land at 11/12 East Street Rusper Horsham West Sussex RH12 4RB
Variation of conditions 1 and 3 of planning permission reference DC/19/1690 (Erection of a detached two storey dwelling with associated parking) to revise roof and elevation and update water drainage strategy.
Reason for Advert: Conservation Area.

DC/26/1595 Land To The South of Station Road Warnham West Sussex
Erection of 8 nos bungalows with associated parking and landscaping utilising the permitted access off Station Road.
Reason for Advert: The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated. Affecting Setting of a Listed Building.

DC/26/1562 St Crispins Church Church Place Pulborough West Sussex RH20 1AF
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of no2. semi-detached dwellings
Reason for Advert: Affecting Setting of a Listed Building. Conservation Area.

S106/26/0048 Land To The North of High Bar Lane Thakeham West Sussex
Variation to S106 dated 1st May 2025 (Legal ref: CB/12172) allied to planning permission DC/23/2152. The proposed variation is to amend the wording relating to affordable housing so that this is addressed by way of a payment in lieu calculated in accordance with the Council's Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document: "with no affordable housing to be delivered on site".
Reason for Advert: Section 106.

DC/26/1592 Barn House Barrow Hill Henfield West Sussex BN5 9DN
Erection of no 1 dwelling, with associated parking, landscaping and access.
Reason for Advert: Listed Building. Affecting Setting of a Listed Building. Conservation Area.

DC/26/1604 Glebe Barn Old Rectory Lane Pulborough West Sussex RH20 2AF
Erection of single storey front extension and rear roof extension.
Reason for Advert: Conservation Area.

DC/26/1475 Land To The Rear of The Hermitage Tower Hill Horsham West Sussex
Erection of nine dwellings (two affordable units) with associated existing access, parking, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and communal amenity space
Reason for Advert: Affecting Setting of a Listed Building.

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Town and Country Planning Acts 1990

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990

South Downs National Park Authority

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the following applications have been submitted to the planning authority for consideration.

Wiston Parish Council

Case No: SDNP/26/03160/LIS Applicant Name: Mr Michael Murphy, Wiston Estate

Proposal: Phased works to renew and repair the existing roofs to Wiston House. This includes renewal and repairs of slate, Horsham stone roofs, lead flat roofs, gutters and associated repairs works to masonry including parapets and chimneys. **AT** Wiston House, Steyning Road, Wiston, West Sussex

Reason for advert: Listed Building

Related documents may be viewed and commented on at: http://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/

Deadline for comments: **19 November 2026**
TIM SLANEY, Director of Planning, South Downs National Park Authority

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The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 Notice under Article 13

Proposed development at Rusty Barn Farm, Bramble Lane, Thakeham. West Sussex, RH20 3DZ

I give notice that Steve Younger is applying to Horsham District Council for planning permission to site a showmans caravan for a temporary period of three years

Any owner of the land who wishes to make representations about this application should write to: Horsham District Council, Albery House,
Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2GB within 14 days beginning with the date of publication of this notice.

NB "Owner" also includes a person with a leasehold interest, the unexpired term of which is at least 7 years.

TRAFFIC NOTICES

West Sussex County Council

(Horsham: Cricketfield Road)
(Temporary Daytime Closure) Order 2026

NOTICE is hereby given that WSCC made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to close a section of Cricketfield Road outside No. 8.

The Order is necessary to protect public safety whilst electrical connection works are undertaken.

The Order will come into operation on 2 November 2026. It is anticipated works will commence on or after 2 November 2026 and will be undertaken daily between 0800hrs and 1800hrs for 7 days.

Any queries about the works taking place should be directed to Sunbelt Rentals telephone number 0370 0500 792. Any queries about the effect of the Order on users of the highway should be directed to WSCC Contact Centre, telephone number 01243 642105.

Dated 29 October 2026

Executive Director of Law Assurance & Insight, County Hall, Chichester.

TRUSTEES NOTICES

SHEILA ANN CRUTCHLEY
Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone with a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the deceased, late of 10 Downland Park, The Street, Bramber, Steyning, BN44 3WF, who died on 12/10/2026, must send written details to the address below by 30/12/2026, after which the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims and interests notified.

GWCA.
62 High Street, Steyning, BN44 3RD.
Ref: ALI/Crutchley/2026-15572

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