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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1678
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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 08/11/2026 10:49 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Wildacres Bashurst Copse Itchingfield Horsham West Sussex RH13 0NZ
Proposal:	Permission in Principle for the construction of a two storey dwelling with new vehicle access from Bashurst Hill, creation of driveway and car parking
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address:	Woodlands, Bashurst Copse, Itchingfield Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	We wish to object strongly to this PiP. The current owner has already felled over 80 trees on his land in recent times with doubtless major effects on water flow and considerable wildlife habitat loss. This proposal would mean more tree felling to provide the access, excacerbating the problem even more. If they were to access the property from Bashurst Hill then considerable

land surface disturbance would be needed to allow for drive size to provide the necessary access for normal cars, emergency vehicles and of course construction traffic initially. A prime concern here is the disturbance to ancient woodland which is fully protected as irreplaceable habitat under national legislation.
Bashurst Hill is already a dangerous deristricted minor road on which accidents have occurred. This proposal would make matters worse and increase accident risk with a new entrance.
There is no doubt the proposal would greatly impact the privacy and peace which Stone House currently enjoys. All the properties on Bashurst Copse enjoy a peaceful space with abundant trees and vegetation to support copious wildlife. This is totally contrary to that philosophy. Any allowance for this to proceed would open the flood gates for any future owners of property on the Copse to also try to build on their land.
The current owner of Wildacres has been trying, without success, to sell the property and it is on the market right now. We can only conclude that this application is solely a commercial consideration and has no connection with wanting to build a new property. It can only be seen as an add-on to a sales pitch to say the property has extra planning permission. They sell the house and walk away leaving the remaining residents of the Copse to suffer the consequences.
This proposal is clearly in total conflict with local and national planning and environmental laws and we urge you to refuse permission right from the start of this process.

Kind regards

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