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**Sent:** 03 June 2026 11:36  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0784  
**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 03/06/2026 11:35 AM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | 1 Woodcot New Road Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9DS                         |
| Proposal:     | Change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3) to veterinary practice (Class E). |
| Case Officer: | Jacques Burrowes                                                              |

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### Customer Details

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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Stance:              | Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comments:            | <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I wish to express my strong support for planning application DC/26/0784 regarding the proposed change of use to an equine veterinary practice at 1 Woodcot, New Road, Billingshurst.</p> <p>As the owner of adjoining land I am familiar with the property and its setting and therefore feel well placed to comment on the suitability of the proposed use, which I believe is entirely appropriate for the location and represents a sensible and positive use of an existing building.</p> <p>Importantly, this is not intended to operate as a traditional public-facing veterinary surgery with members of the public regularly bringing animals to the site. The proposal is for a specialist equine veterinary base from which professional staff would operate predominantly off-site at farms, livery yards and equestrian facilities throughout the region. As outlined within the</p> |

application, this significantly limits any potential impacts in terms of traffic generation, noise and disturbance.

The equestrian and rural community within the area would benefit from having experienced specialist equine veterinary professionals based locally. Access to high-quality equine veterinary care is essential for horse owners, competition yards, livery businesses and rural enterprises, and this proposal would help support that important sector.

I also believe the proposal offers wider economic and community benefits. The veterinary profession has seen increasing consolidation by large corporate groups in recent years, making it increasingly important that independent veterinary practices are able to establish and maintain a local presence. Supporting independent professional businesses helps preserve client choice, encourages competition, sustains local employment and contributes to the long-term resilience of rural communities.

In my view, the application represents a sustainable and appropriate form of development that makes good use of an existing property while providing a valuable professional service to the wider rural and equestrian community. The proposal is sympathetic to its surroundings, compatible with neighbouring properties and delivers clear local benefits without creating significant adverse impacts.

I therefore fully support the application and respectfully request that planning permission be granted.

Yours faithfully,



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Kind regards

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