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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1186
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 29/09/2025 2:15 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Parcel At 511450 123227 Billingshurst Road Coolham West Sussex RH13 8QN
Proposal:	Change of use of land from agriculture to a B2 Use (general industry) comprising the importation and processing of timber to produce wood chippings for re-sale.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	Haymans Ghyll, Billingshurst Road Coolham Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	This appears to be a retrospective planning application for an activity that has been carried out over the last 18/24 months and only stopped when an enforcement case (EN/25/0222) was raised.

I wish to object to this application for the following reasons:-

1. Other

The application in its current form is too vague, if an application had been submitted before the activity started I would expect that much more detail and assessment would have been required.

What exactly is being proposed?
a) To continue the activity as is and exactly what does this entail?
OR
b) Is this a precursor to the operator carrying out this noisy and intrusive activity 5 or more days a week, 12+ hours a day?

2. Loss of General Amenity and Noise

The noise generated by the wood chipping machinery is a low pitched rumble that can be heard even when the doors and windows of my home are closed. Sitting in the garden is impossible without being affected by the continuous drone of the machinery.

This application states that the wood chipping has taken place every 3/4 months a year or 3/4 times a year, however this doesn't mean 3 or 4 days a year, as each wood chipping session is longer than a single day.

The wood chipping didn't always finish at 4pm, and on at least one occasion went on into the evening.

The operator has made no attempt to screen its neighbours from the impact of the noise.

This loss of amenity and enjoyment of my own home and garden is unacceptable.

3. Overdevelopment

The land owner has already been given planning permission for a dog walking park (against the advice of Environmental Health on noise concerns) in the field next to this site. This current application can only have a cumulative negative impact on the noise pollution in this area.

This is a further loss of farm land and increased industrialisation contributes to the further overdevelopment of this rural/residential setting, bringing no benefits to the local community.

I would have complained about the current level of activity when it first started, but thought it was permitted development and therefore any complaint would have been disregarded.

Kind regards

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