


East Wantley House
East Wantley Farm
Northlands Lane
Storrington
RH20 3EZ

Attention: Halima Chowdhury, Horsham District Council Planning

DC/25/0450 Objections

As a resident of East Wantley Farm I am objecting to the above Planning Application. This application is detrimental to the environment and natural surroundings given that the current and proposed usage contravenes health and safety regarding the deposit of dog waste. Over the course of 2023-2024 I verbally expressed concerns over bags of dog faeces that were being repeatedly left at the gate and inside the field. The proprietors assured me that bags were collected regularly, though this is contrary to my and my neighbours' experiences.

Secondly, I oppose this application as over the course of a number of years vehicles arrive down the lane as early as 6am, often speeding, with dogs barking frantically. We are a peaceful lane with only 4 residences and the continued nuisance of dogs barking at all hours is not in keeping with the tranquillity of the environment.

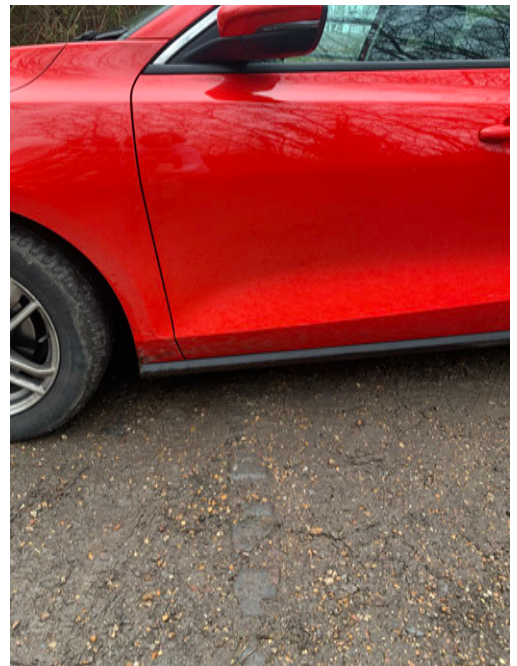
Further more I oppose this application due to the dangerous nature of dogs that visit the field and the ones that escape the field. I had one such instance at the end of Dec 2024 / early January 2025 when a dog was running around the grounds of East Wantley House. The owner was unable to control her dog, informing me that he had broken out of the field. I suggested the owner get her dog under control, however she was unable to do so, having only recently acquired the American bull terrier dog. It was me who caught him after saying '*is he going to bite me*' because I don't know here dog. Nor did she. It is not the first time dogs have escaped the 'enclosed' field and I appreciate the current tenants at Doodley Dogs did repair the fence though to what extent I do not know but it only has to happen once before a terrible accident happens and we have dog walkers, young children walking and cycling with families down the lane, not to mention young children who reside within the East Wantley Farm /Northlands Lane environment.

It was brought to our attention during a conversation at the field gate last year that Doodley Dogs do not know the details of who rents out the field, what the dogs are like, how dangerous they are, whether they are on a register or have had an ASBO on them. A member of staff reported this in our conversation.

If this is the case it raises serious concerns as to how dogs enter and leave the field, having had many owners park their cars in the gate whilst dog walkers and /or passers by walk down the footpath and I have encountered a woman telling me not to approach her car due to her dangerous dogs – rather difficult when she is parked on what is private land belonging to East Wantley House and on a public footpath.

This brings me to my final objection, which is that the entrance to the field under question is on private land. We have endured vehicles parked, blocking our drive way for all the residents at East Wantley Farm for years. The vehicles also park up the footpath to the Water Lane Industrial Estate. Vehicles block the road to open and close the gate obstructing our access and any services that we may have coming to East Wantley Farm. This has been an ongoing and constant nuisance. We have had vehicles of people using the car break down with repair trailers coming and taking over the access totally. With this ongoing disturbance to the entrance of the field through our property I attach photos of two occasions out of countless that I have experienced.

December 29th 2024



January 2nd 2025



Other instances we have experienced:



It is my understanding that the gate to this field is under a right of way over private land, owned [REDACTED], for agricultural purposes only. Therefore allowing this planning application to go through contravenes its original purpose and the rights granted for passing over private land.

For all the reasons I have stated above, to summarise:

- private land
- rights of access over private land for agricultural use
- dog waste consistently not cleared up
- escaping dogs
- dangerous dogs using the field
- questionable records and accountability of people paying to use the field
- noise pollution from cars and dogs arriving from 6am

I object to DC/25/0450

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]