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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0530
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 11/06/2026 9:43 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Hornbrook Farm Brighton Road West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 180 dwellings, open space and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address: Dairy Cottage St. Leonards Park Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I strongly object to the proposed development at Hornbrook Farm. A major concern is the lack of safe pedestrian access to the site. Access is primarily via the A23, one of the busiest routes in and out of Horsham. The existing footpath is located on the opposite

side of the road, meaning pedestrians, including school children and families, would be required to navigate and cross a heavily trafficked route on a regular basis. This raises significant concerns regarding pedestrian safety and makes the location unsuitable for a development that will generate substantial daily foot traffic.

I am also concerned about the environmental impact of the proposal. The site is bordered by a historic stream corridor that supports a rich and diverse ecosystem, including rare and endangered species. This habitat acts as an important wildlife corridor and forms part of the area's natural heritage. The surrounding fields are regularly used by local deer herds and other wildlife, all of which would be adversely affected by large-scale development and the resulting loss of habitat.

There are also significant concerns regarding flooding and surface water drainage. The site currently consists largely of natural, permeable land that absorbs rainfall. Replacing this with housing, roads, driveways and other hard surfaces will inevitably increase surface water runoff. This additional water is likely to find its way into the adjacent stream, which already regularly overflows during periods of heavy rainfall. Any increase in runoff could exacerbate local flooding, damage sensitive habitats, and place further pressure on an already vulnerable watercourse. Given the increasing frequency of extreme weather events, these risks should be given considerable weight.

In addition, the proposal would result in the loss of yet another important area of open countryside around Horsham. Residents are increasingly concerned that development is taking place on all sides of the town, leading to the gradual erosion of the green spaces, wildlife habitats and rural landscapes that make Horsham an attractive place to live. Once these natural environments are lost, they cannot be recreated.

For reasons of pedestrian safety, flood risk, biodiversity protection, environmental conservation and the preservation of Horsham's countryside setting, I urge Horsham District Council to refuse this application.

Kind regards

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