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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0041

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 28/01/2026 1:13 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Spring Acres West End Lane Henfield West Sussex
Proposal:	Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	Partwick Nursery West End Lane Henfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	I strongly OBJECT to this application as it contravenes the relevant policies of both the Horsham District Planning Framework and Henfield Neighbourhood Plan. 1. Location - The site sits far outside the Henfield built up area boundary. - The proposal will increase car flow down West End Lane, and Policy 26 states that development should not lead to increased in activity in the countryside. The lane is poorly lit, used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders constantly. There is no pavement and the increased traffic would be very dangerous. - Access to West End Lane is via an already dangerous and congested turning off the High Street down Church Lane and this proposal will add to this volume. - The proposal will cause flooding in this section of West End Lane, which is already a big problem, particularly given the increased rainfall that will be seen in the future, at the point of a blind bend in the lane. This becomes lethal when it freezes.

- The proposal is on a site that is wildlife haven, with deer, rabbits, foxes, birds of prey and woodpeckers using this as their natural habitat. This proposal will remove this.
- The proposal does not accommodate further electricity requirements. We already see regular electricity cuts in West End Lane.

2. Use

- The proposed site is a currently undeveloped fallow field. It is nonsense that it has been 'partially developed' through the existence of the footings for a stable building (which in its essence, is required for a 'rural' site).
- Policy 25 of the HDPF states that countryside character of a site should be protected. This proposal will dramatically change the character, causing a suburbanisation of the site, conflicting with policies 32 and 35 of the plan.

3. Amount

- Currently, only a very small % of the 0.49 ha site has hard standing of any kind on it - the stable base. The addition of 5 to 9 dwellings will transform the rural nature of the area into a sub-urbanised one, curtailing amenity for the community as a whole.
- Local infrastructure cannot support the increase in housing proposed - school, medical centre and utilities are already stretched.

Kind regards

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