Horsham District Council

FAO: Parish/Neighbourhood Clerk

Our ref: DC/26/0143
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Direct Line:
Please ask for: Daniel Holmes
Date: 12th November 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78

Planning Inspectorate Reference: 6017811

Horsham District Council Reference: DC/26/0143

Name of Appellant(s): Mr Laxley Pennant

Description of Application: Erection of 3 buildings (D, E & F), reposition PD Building C, provision of a formal parking and turning layout to serve all units along with dedicated internal access to land to the rear, the use of Buildings C, D & E for variable B8 and E(g) use, Building F for variable B8, E(d), and E(g) use and for all Buildings (A, B, C, D, E & F) and all units to be capable of being used independently of each other

Site at: Hollinger, Marthas Barn Warehouse Wheatsheaf Road Henfield West Sussex BN5 9AX

I refer to the details above. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of Planning Consent.

It has been agreed by the Department for Communities and Local Government Planning Inspectorate that the appeal will be dealt with by way of an **Inquiry**. We will write to you in due course with details of the inquiry date(s), venue and how to attend.

The procedure to be followed is set out in the Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by Inspectors) (Inquiry Procedure) (England) Rules 2000, as amended.

For any group or organisation who wish to take an active part in the Inquiry, the opportunity is available to apply for what is known as Rule 6 status. Although unusual, there is also scope for interested individuals to take part on the same basis. Rule 6 status means that you would be able to present your evidence on a formal basis and cross examine the evidence of others. You can find guidance at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-rule-6-status-on-a-planning-appeal-or-called-in-application

Arrangements for the Inquiry are currently being finalised by the Planning Inspectorate. These will include a pre-Inquiry conference call with the lead parties to deal with procedural and administrative

matters, including how the evidence will be heard. As a Rule 6 party, it is anticipated that you would also be a part of that process. If, having read the above guidance, you wish to apply for Rule 6 status and/or have any related questions, you should contact the Planning Inspectorate immediately. If you are interested but are unable to access the guidance electronically, again, you should contact the Planning Inspectorate who will try and assist.

If, having read the above guidance, you wish to apply for Rule 6 status it is essential that you contact the Planning Inspectorate immediately.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appeal-reference. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to:

The Planning Inspectorate
C/O QUADIENT
69 Buckingham Avenue
Slough
SL1 4PN

All representations must be received by 14th December 2026. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. **All representations must quote the appeal reference.**

Please note that any representations you submit to the Planning Inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and this local planning authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The appeal documents can be viewed on the Council's website at https://public-access.horsham.gov.uk/public-access/ by searching using the planning application reference DC/26/0143.

A copy of the Council's statement should also be available on the council's website, but please do not delay sending your own representations if the statement is not available.

You can get a copy of one of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" booklets free of charge from the GOV.uk at https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-or-enforcement-appeal

When made, the decision will be published online at https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appeal-reference.

Yours faithfully



Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control