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DM/26/0075

## Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/05/2026 2:58 PM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Environmental Protection.

### Application Summary

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| Reference:    | DM/26/0075                                                               |
| Address:      | Home Farm Slaugham Road Staplefield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6AP  |
| Proposal:     | Change of use of former grainstore to gymnastics club training facility. |
| Case Officer: | Rachel Richardson                                                        |

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### Comments Details

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| Comments: | The site forms part of a long established agricultural holding. Agricultural uses are generally considered to present a low risk of land contamination, due to potential historic activities that may have included the storage of fuels, agrochemicals and machinery.                                                                                                                                  |
|           | The application building is a modern grain store constructed in 2020, with associated hardstanding. The proposed gymnastics use is entirely internal, and no external activity areas or ground disturbance are proposed. As such, there does not appear to be a pollutant–pathway–receptor linkage that would give rise to significant contaminated land risk to the proposed future users of the site. |
|           | A licensed inert landfill is located approximately 90 metres to the east of the site. Given the recorded inert nature of the waste as industrial, the separation distance, this is not considered to present                                                                                                                                                                                            |

a significant risk to the proposed use.

It remains the responsibility of the developer to ensure that the site is safe and suitable for its intended use. Were the site to be proposed for a more sensitive use in future, such as residential development with access to soft landscaping or garden areas, a more detailed assessment of land contamination would likely be required.

On this basis, no contaminated land condition is recommended.

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Kind regards