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DM/26/1080

## 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 17/06/2026 7:39 PM from Clerk on behalf of Parish Consultation.

### Application Summary

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| Reference:    | DM/26/1080                                                                                                                     |
| Address:      | Former Catholic Church Of St Stephen Hamsland Horsted Keynes West Sussex                                                       |
| Proposal:     | Demolition of former St Stephens Church, replacement residential development of 3 no. houses, parking, landscaping and access. |
| Case Officer: | Caroline Grist                                                                                                                 |

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### Comments Details

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| Comments: | DM/26/1080 Demolition of former St Stephen's Church, replacement residential development of 3 no. houses, parking, landscaping and access. Former Catholic Church of St Stephen Hamsland Horsted Keynes West Sussex  |
|           | Horsted Keynes Parish Council OBJECT to the above application due to the fact that the proposals fail to comply with the Policy HK3 on Housing Mix in the Neighbourhood Plan.                                        |
|           | Policy HK3 indicates that new developments of multiple houses, such as this application, should have a majority of one bedroom and two bedroom homes. It is noted that this application is for 3 bedroom homes only. |
|           | The policy further indicates that 40% of the homes should be one bedroom and 40% two bedroom so for this application there should be at least one one-bedroom and one two-bedroom home.                              |

No evidence has been provided by the applicant to support a different mix of housing to that set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.

There is demonstrable evidence to support the need for this specific housing mix in the parish of Horsted Keynes and this is set out in more detail in the text to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The attached Housing Needs Survey was commissioned by the Horsted Keynes CLT, funded by MSDC's Housing Department and supported the Parish Council.

An updated review of the housing affordability was conducted by Action in Rural Sussex in 2022 and a copy of this document is also attached.

This evidence and the need for this specific housing mix in Horsted Keynes was recognised by the Inspector who examined the Neighbourhood Plan.

It should be noted that the Parish Council strongly support the principle of redeveloping this brownfield site but object to the details of this particular application due to the reasons set out above.

The Parish Council also note the comments made by MSDC's Tree Officer and request to be reconsulted on the application when the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement, and a Tree Protection Plan have been submitted by the applicant.

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Kind regards