

Hamish Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 October 2025 09:42
To: Hamish Evans
Subject: Application No. DM/25/1963

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Dear Mr Evans,

I am writing to object to planning application **DM/25/1963**, which proposes the construction of a new stable block on agricultural land comprising four stables at **Land to the east of Freshfield Lane, Danehill, West Sussex**.

The site lies within an **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**, where great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing the natural landscape and scenic beauty. I believe the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the area for the following reasons:

1. **Cumulative overdevelopment** – The site has already been granted permission for, and now contains, a barn which is not being used for its approved agricultural purpose. In addition, there are several other structures on the land, including a greenhouse and a shipping container. The incremental addition of built form is resulting in a gradual urbanisation of what should remain open countryside.
2. **Impact on landscape character** – The introduction of a further building, even a stable block, would erode the rural quality and visual openness that define this AONB. The proposal would lower the aesthetic and scenic value of the area, contrary to the purpose of AONB designation and to relevant planning policies protecting rural character.
3. **Questionable need and justification** – Given that existing buildings on the land are not being used as intended, there appears to be no clear justification for additional development. Without robust evidence of genuine agricultural or equestrian need, the proposal risks setting a precedent for further inappropriate structures on this sensitive site.
4. **Lack of local stewardship and sensitivity** – The landowner does not reside locally and therefore is not directly affected by the visual and environmental impacts of the continued development of this site. This distance from the community and landscape lessens the likelihood of sympathetic management or consideration for local character, increasing the risk of further insensitive or piecemeal development within the AONB.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be **refused**. The cumulative effect of the existing and proposed development is inconsistent with the aims of protecting the AONB and preserving the rural landscape.

Kind regards,

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