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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 October 2025 15:37
To: planninginfo
Subject: Application No. DM/25/1963 FAO Hamish Evans (Contact/case officer) and Ann Biggs (Assistant Director Planning and Sustainable Economy)

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Planning Application Reference number DM/25/1963

We write this letter in response to your letter of 6th October 2025 inviting formal comment/s on the above application. Our full postal address, as requested, is stated at the end of this email.

We have noticed that Mr. Hamish Evans is out of office until 28th October, a day after the deadline comments and objections should be received. This email is proof that we have adhered to your deadline.

The application DM/25/1963 has raised concerns for us for the following reasons:

The recently approved planning (DM/22/0519) and subsequently recently constructed barn on the site (which is adjacent to our field) is currently, nor has ever been, utilised for its intended uses, which were for the keeping of pigs, sheep and bees. All uses appear to be utilised for purposes not outlined in the original planning approval. In our opinion, this important factor is extremely relevant in considering whether additional development on the land is appropriately being applied for. The grazing capacity alone would be inadequate for all the afore mentioned livestock without the addition of 4 equines. This is a concern as it would potentially result in an over intensification of land use on this small plot.

The High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty guidance encourages consideration of cumulative visual impacts and protection of the character of this landscape. We feel further development of this land does not fit with the guidance.

With reference to the applicant's document concerning proposed development enhancement proposals: The proposed development, we believe, will not enhance biodiversity. In fact, none of the proposed plantings are necessary in an already biodiverse site. Plus the fact that hedges and trees could be planted at any stage which is not dependent on the proposed development.

We believe a site visit by MSDC would be vital to fully back up our objections and comments and would help assess your considerations regarding: animal keeping, intensive land use, visual impact, and road safety on Freshfield Lane - a busy fast road (national speed limit).

We agree with all objections already posted by the Horsted Keynes Parish Council dated 20th October 2025.

Yours faithfully,

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