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Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0629/26

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10 July 2026 at 09:49

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 10/07/2026 9:49 AM from Mr TONY howard.

Application Summary

Address:	Courtlands 37 Parklands Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN12 4NG
Proposal:	Change of use of the site to a Special Educational Needs (SEN) School (Class F1) for up to 80 pupils, including retention of two replacement outbuildings (sheds), erection of 2no. lodge-style classroom buildings, installation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), polytunnel and associated external works including 3.34m high gate piers (with in-built CCTV camera) and automated metal entrance gates to the drive and galvanised steel security perimeter fencing.
Case Officer:	Jo Morin

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr TONY howard
Email:	
Address:	3 Warnham Close Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Objections to Retention of Shed No. 1

Work started on this area in the woods in the spring of 2025 when the existing small shed was demolished.

A new building was commenced using a mechanical digger to scrape out foundations and a floor slab under the TPO trees.

In July I alerted Planning Enforcement that a building was being erected without Permission adjoining our house and within the TPO area of Courtlands.

Despite the Applicants being informed that this was not acceptable they continued on building regardless!

It soon became clear this was not a shed but an industrial sized outbuilding of vastly different dimensions to the old shed as the framing timbers were huge and substantial.

Work continued at a pace including in the evening and weekends as reported to

Planning Enforcement using power tools and external lighting.

Later in the year in order to construct the roof, the TPO trees were cut at a lower level without the required Planning Application to carry out such lopping or crown lifting. Consistently the Applicants have ignored Planning Enforcement reminders that they are building at their own risk .

They obviously wanted to get this structure built without any Planning Application or any drawings being submitted to show what was being proposed to present this Committee with a "fait accompli" and this they have done!

However our real concern is that in the submitted Planning Application, supporting document

'Educational and Operational Justification for Proposed External Classrooms, Retention of Existing Buildings and MUGA' specifically refers to this building as a Large shed/Lodge.

They go on to explain it will be used as a classroom again without them formally applying for Full Planning permission for such a use.

In my opinion, they are seeking to obtain its use as a classroom by stealth.

Now we have the plans, we can see the building has been designed with one end for storage with double doors for the schools large mower etc.

The Eastern Elevation has an entrance doorway and 2 windows which will be the classroom.

They go on to state the need for flexible learning in a smaller less formal setting and to deliver elements of the curriculum not always suitable in a traditional classroom.

I put it to you that if the Applicants are seeking the use of the shed as a classroom which they have already built without Planning Permission and, as such they should be required to make a full Planning Application not only for retention of the shed as storage but also a "Change of Use" Application would be needed.

As unfortunate neighbours we have suffered the unauthorised building of this huge building over the last Year (as Planning Enforcement will confirm) and we earnestly request that you refuse Planning Permission for the retention of the shed.

Additionally and here is the real concern, we submit it to you that, if you allow its retention, the Applicants will return for a "Change of Use " to a class room at some time in the future.

Thank you
Tony Howard

Kind regards