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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1402

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/06/2026 11:17 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Naked Farm Warninglid Lane Warninglid Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5TG
Proposal:	Proposed farm abattoir and animal processing facility located within existing agricultural building
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	Gilhurst, The Street Warninglid Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Comments on Application DM/26/1402 - Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) I wish to object to the grant of a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed farm abattoir and animal processing facility at Naked Farm. I appreciate that the applicant argues the proposed abattoir would process only livestock bred and reared on Naked Farm and that it is therefore ancillary to the agricultural use of the holding. However, I am not persuaded that the proposal is simply incidental to agriculture or that it does not amount to a material change of use.

The plans show the installation of a purpose-built abattoir containing dedicated animal pens, chillers, loading bay, hygiene facilities, hide and skin storage, by-products area, underground waste and lairage tanks, together with specialist processing equipment. In my view, this goes well beyond the normal use of an agricultural building for housing livestock and represents a distinct operational use.

The Planning Statement relies primarily on the argument that slaughtering livestock is ancillary to agriculture and cites case law relating to agricultural processing. However, I question whether those authorities are directly comparable to the operation of an abattoir and animal processing facility. The issue is not whether the farm has a legitimate business need, but whether the proposed use remains legally ancillary to agriculture or constitutes a separate planning use requiring planning permission.

The application also relies upon the intention that only livestock reared on Naked Farm will be processed. It is unclear from the documents how this limitation would be secured in law should a Lawful Development Certificate be granted, or how any future expansion beyond the farm's own livestock would be prevented.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council carefully considers whether the applicant has demonstrated, on the balance of probabilities, that the proposal would be lawful without planning permission. If there is any genuine uncertainty as to whether the proposal constitutes a material change of use, I submit that a Lawful Development Certificate should not be granted and that the proposal should instead be considered through the full planning application process.

I respectfully ask the Council to refuse the application unless it is satisfied that the legal test for a Lawful Development Certificate has been fully met.

Kind regards