

Joanne Fisher

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Sent: 12 May 2025 12:59
To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/0445

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2025 12:59 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Colwell Farm Lewes Road Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for up to 80 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, infrastructure and vehicular and pedestrian accesses. UPDATED INFORMATION of highways layby plan, Transport Note, response to Ecology consultation comments and updated Landscape Visual Impact Assessment.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address:	Green Road Wivelsfield Green
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Objection to Planning Application DM/25/0445 - Land at Colwell Farm, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath As a local parent I strongly object to the proposed development of 80 homes at Colwell Farm. My concerns focus particularly on traffic safety, strain on essential services, and the environmental impact. 1. Dangerous Traffic Conditions and Known Accident Blackspot This development will inevitably bring over 100 additional vehicles using the proposed junction onto Lewes Road. Less than 1km from this location is the Lewes Road/Bedales Hill junction, a known accident hotspot with more than 12 police-reported crashes in the past 5 years (CrashMap data). Adding significant new traffic flow so close to this location, without a

widened or upgraded junction, poses an unacceptable risk-particularly to families walking or cycling in the area. With children often in tow, I find the current traffic situation already dangerous; this development would only make things worse.

2. Strain on NHS Services and Local Schools

Local GP surgeries, hospitals, and schools are already stretched. As a parent, I have experienced the difficulty of booking timely GP appointments and securing childcare. An influx of potentially hundreds of new residents would increase demand on already overburdened services, reducing access and quality of care for existing families.

3. Risk to the Sewer Network

Southern Water has already stated in its consultation response that "additional flows may lead to an increased risk of foul flooding from the sewer network." This is deeply concerning for local residents. The existing infrastructure is not adequate to support this scale of development without putting current homes at risk of sewage issues.

4. Loss of Countryside and Harm to Wildlife

The site is part of a valuable green corridor that supports local wildlife and provides children with access to nature-something increasingly rare and essential for their development. This development would permanently damage that space. Local ecological and landscape concerns have also been raised by organisations like the CPRE Sussex (Countryside Charity), underscoring the broader impact on biodiversity and the rural character of our community.

In summary, this proposal threatens the safety of our roads, the reliability of our public services, and the integrity of our environment. For families like mine raising children here, this development would have serious and long-lasting negative consequences. I respectfully urge the Council to reject this application.

Yours sincerely,



Kind regards