

Andy Watt

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Sent: 03 March 2026 13:09
To: Andy Watt
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0317

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/03/2026 1:09 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Glebelands Field Lodge Lane Bolney West Sussex
Proposal:	A phased development of up to 9 self build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address: 

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Planning Officer,

I wish to register my objection to the above planning application.



1. My first concern is there is no healthcare provision for a growing village. Bolney has no GP surgery, no medical centre, no pharmacy, and no urgent care facility. The nearest GP practices are in Haywards Heath and Hurstpierpoint, both requiring a car journey. For elderly residents, for families with young children, and for anyone without reliable transport, accessing healthcare from Bolney is already difficult.

The village is about to absorb 200 new homes at Foxhole Farm. That could mean 500 or more additional residents. There has been no corresponding commitment to healthcare infrastructure, no new surgery, no satellite clinic, nothing. Adding further housing, however modest in number, without any consideration of health service capacity is not responsible planning. In my professional training, we talk about the social determinants of health, the conditions in which people live, work, and age. Placing people in car-dependent locations with poor access to healthcare, limited public transport, and no safe walking routes is a textbook example of creating conditions that harm wellbeing.

2. My next concern is the environmental impact on health of residents. This field is not just land, it is part of the green setting of the village, part of the transition between the built area and the countryside, and part of what makes Bolney feel like a community rather than a suburb. The open spaces around the village are where people walk, where children play, where the natural environment that supports mental and physical health is most visible. Losing them has consequences that are real, even if they are difficult to quantify in a planning balance. The Bolney Conservation Area's character is described by the Council's own officers as being defined in part by "open spaces making an important contribution to its attractiveness" and a "semi-rural character." This application would directly erode that.

3. Finally in regards to the location, Lodge Lane is not safe. I have walked Lodge Lane countless times. It is narrow, unlit, and has no footpath. The blind bend makes it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. As a route for new residents, including potentially families with children, to reach the village, it is unsuitable. The idea that nine households would access their homes via this lane, with all the associated vehicle movements, without any improvement to pedestrian safety, is concerning.

To conclude, I care about this village. I want it to thrive. But thriving requires balance, between growth and capacity, between housing numbers and the services to support them. This application, coming on top of the Foxhole Farm allocation, tips that balance too far. Please refuse it.

Kind regards