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Sent: 13 May 2026 13:57
To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0843

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2026 1:57 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of Floran Farm Hophurst Hill Crawley Down West Sussex RH10 4LP
Proposal:	Outline application (means of access and layout only; other matters reserved) for 9 self-build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

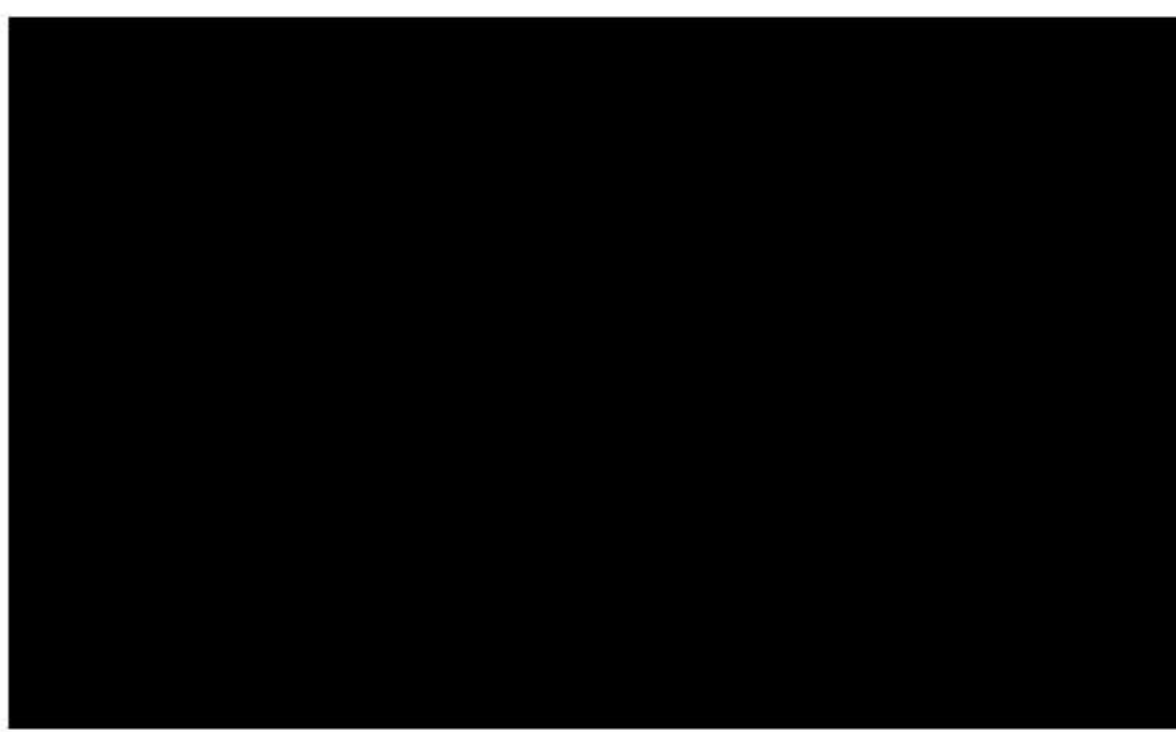
Address:	The Park Farm, Snow Hill, Crawley Down Snow Hill Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:



12 May 2026

Planning Department
Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
RH16 1SS

Re: Planning Application - DM/26/0843 Nine-Dwelling Self-Build Development, Crawley Down

Dear Planning Officer,

I write in strong support of the above-referenced planning application for a nine-dwelling self-build development in Felbridge. Having considered the proposal carefully, I believe it represents an excellent opportunity for the local community and is highly deserving of approval.

Support for Self-Build Housing

Self-build housing is a model of development that deserves active encouragement. Under the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 (as amended), local authorities are required to maintain a register of individuals seeking serviced plots and to have due regard to that demand in their planning and housing strategies. A scheme of nine dwellings directly responds to this statutory duty and helps address demonstrable unmet need for self-build plots in the area.

Self-build homes are typically of higher design quality and better tailored to the specific needs of their occupants than standard speculative housing. Residents who design and commission their own homes tend to invest more in energy efficiency, sustainability, and longevity of construction, resulting in lasting benefits for the built environment.

Housing Need and Local Context

Felbridge and the wider Mid Sussex area face sustained pressure on housing supply. A modest scheme of nine homes makes a proportionate and sensible contribution to meeting local housing need without placing undue strain on infrastructure. The scale of the proposal is modest enough to integrate comfortably into the existing settlement pattern while making a meaningful contribution to housing delivery.

Unlike large volume-developer schemes, a self-build development of this size is likely to bring a diverse group of residents into the community - people who have actively chosen to put down roots in Felbridge and who are likely to make a strong and lasting contribution to local life.

Community and Economic Benefits

Self-build projects generate significant local economic activity. The construction phase is likely to involve local tradespeople, suppliers, and contractors, supporting employment in the area. Unlike large housebuilders who may source materials and labour nationally, self-builders typically engage with the local supply chain, circulating investment within the community.

The arrival of nine new households will also provide a boost to local services, shops, schools, and community facilities - all of which benefit from an increased population base. Felbridge has the infrastructure capacity to welcome this modest level of growth.

Design and Sustainability

Self-build schemes consistently outperform comparable developer-built housing in terms of energy performance and design quality. Individual self-builders have a direct personal incentive to invest in high standards of construction, insulation, and renewable energy technology. I would expect the proposed dwellings to make a positive contribution to the land scene and to set a standard for sustainable building in the area.

Conclusion

For all of the reasons set out above, I urge the Planning Committee to grant permission for this self-build development. It represents exactly the kind of high-quality, community-oriented housing that planning policy should seek to enable. I trust that the Council will give due weight to the benefits of this proposal and support its approval.

Yours faithfully,



Kind regards