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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/05/2026 4:58 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 117 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access. (Amended plans and supporting statements received 15th April reducing the number of proposed dwellings to up 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: 7 The Droveaway Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	This is a seriously water-stressed area, based on the 2021 Environment Agency classification. Already, local areas suffer from low water pressure, or go without water for periods of time. There is no plan to increase drinking water supply capacity to serve this development. Any plan would take years to deliver. This

is an issue of enormous concern.

The surrounding area floods and many residents downstream of this proposed development already feel the impacts directly on their homes. With the changes proposed here, flooding is still deferred, not solved. Drainage systems for this application have not yet been designed and flood risk issues have been pushed back as problems to solve in future rather than being addressed now. As a regular volunteer at Harlands Primary School, I see the impacts of poor drainage in the area following the more recent development at Penlands Green, which affect the school, the experience of pupils using the grounds, and the surrounding properties.

This will have an enormous detrimental impact on wildlife and habitats for protected species, which bring such pleasure to people living in and visiting the area. Surveys have confirmed dormice (legally protected) are living on this site, alongside several bat species. We also see (and hear) other wildlife, including deer, barn owls, kestrels, red kites and wild orchids. Ancient woodland known as Flat Wood lies just metres from the site boundary. A Roman road marked on Ordnance Survey maps runs through the site and has not been properly investigated. A development of this scale will impact beautiful trees and wildlife habitats, and the changes do not address this. I have seen first-hand from living in other locations in South England areas how green spaces and habitats for wildlife are decimated with roundabouts and developments of this size. Once something so beautiful is gone, and it is near impossible to restore.

Kind regards