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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 01/07/2025 5:31 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Old Vicarage Field And The Old Estate Yard Church Road Turners Hill West Sussex RH10 4PA
Proposal:	Demolition of existing buildings and the development of 40 dwellings (including affordable housing) with open space, access, parking, drainage, landscaping and other associated works as well as the creation of a new community car park and replacement parking for Lion Lane residents.
Case Officer:	Rachel Richardson

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Customer Details

Address:	Hillcrest, Lion Lane Turners Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>I would like to bring to the upmost attention that the proposed project of 40 plus housing will have a detrimental impact and add to the intensification of congestion and traffic -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A severe intensification of congestion and traffic is to happen if proposals are approved. The current infrastructure of small

country roads does not warrant the proposal for a large housing development. The congestion as we know it is already very problematic. Adding to this would entail more stress, accidents and add to the risk of future tragedies. Especially involving a nearby primary school of children aged 5-11 years old.

2. The crossroads at the Crown Inn is already a collision hotspot. I have been a tenant at Hillcrest for over two years and have witnessed many collisions, some that are not reported to the council. Smashed up vehicles have been left for days on Lion Lane for collection. I wake up daily and see the road rage already caused by such a busy intersection in the mornings, during the day and in to the late night. I am very concerned about highway safety and the consequences caused by this proposal on individual safety and well-being. Collisions will intensify and become more fatal. The congestion would be mayhem. Drivers are not confident at this intersection with traffic coming at all directions.

3. The intersection at Turners Hill is a route that links to other nearby towns and villages. This route is heavily used by drivers commuting from A to B, adding to the intensity of traffic passing through. Lorries and coaches also use this route.

4. As a commuter to Gatwick Airport, peak hour traffic is unbearable and I am regularly queuing down Turners Hill Road even to get on to Paddockhurst Road. The very road the proposed housing is to be built. The potential buyers of these homes would have to take into serious consideration the challenge of getting to and from their homes at peak hours. They would have to be understanding and very patient drivers.

5. There is no local utilities for a housing development of this size. There is no food shops open past 6pm. The need to get in the car to go and get essential household items will cause further congestion.

6. This brings me to the considerations that must be made for the fire station. Drivers are not patient and self-aware. They queue over the 'Keep Clear' markings which obstructs a fire truck to come and go and quite simply have the ability to leave as quick as possible when lives are in danger. They need access not just to leave but to come back and fill up from the water hydrant. We had a huge fire just recently in Turners Hill at a recycling centre on the 24th June 2025. Furthermore, have thoughts been made to where the hardworking firefighters would park and have access to their workplace? Each member of the fire station must be approached and interviewed on how this proposed plan would impact such an essential service to the community.

7. The school needs keep clear access but ultimately their own car park. Parents picking up their children at Turners Hill school are met daily with stress of traffic and no where to park. Parents are often late and rushed to pick up their children due to life stresses of balancing their own work with school times which leads them to park wherever they can. Which brings me to the next section of my objection, parking.

I would like to bring to the upmost attention that the proposed project of 40 plus housing will have a detrimental impact on the current parking infrastructure in Turners Hill -

1. As a tenant of Hillcrest on Lion Lane. I have daily anxiety of whether I can park outside or near my home. The local convenience store, hairdressers, florist, bike shop and dry cleaner regularly have customers and deliveries that park on Lion Lane.
2. The convenience store attracts customers who believe they will only take two minutes which warrants them to park on double yellow lines and across the intersection of Lion Lane meeting North Street directly outside the shop. I have witnessed cars doubling up outside the door, hazard lights on parked near parked cars, blocking entry in and out the street. It is absurd to watch. As I am writing this, I collect a package from the doorstep and I witness a car parked at the doorstep of the convenience store and a big transit van pulls up and leaves his van next to it doubling up and completely blocking the exit to Lion Lane. I could take photographic evidence all day long.
3. The school. The parents coming to drop off and pick up their children park on Lion lane and wrongfully round the back of the houses of Lion Lane using residents allocated spaces. I see families walking past our back gate in troves. They also wrongfully park in the spaces allocated for customers right outside the hairdressers and florist and over the access to their small car park. The business owners have quite frankly given up and worried that they are met with verbal attitude. I have witnessed on many occasions the exchange of verbal abuse between drivers on Lion Lane. 'This is only going to get worse' was what I overheard a mother saying when collecting her child from school. Parents of children who attend this school need their own allocated parking.
4. There is overflow of cars from residents not on Lion Lane using Lion Lane for their additional cars. They belong to houses in the surrounding area. The new housing development will add further to this problem and this is what will happen as evident to past developments. Additional cars will become an issue because of rural location and no public transport infrastructure which will lead to the residents of these homes having multiple cars. Statistics show that children are more likely to live with their parents longer in current economic times therefore a household could have 4 plus cars based on a family of 4 with two adult children for example, which is the target audience of these proposed homes.
5. Visitors. The overflow of cars on Lion Lane are visitors to the village whether attending the two churches, pubs, or seeing family who reside here. Certain nights of the week I cannot park due to events held at the church on North Street.
6. I have had damage to my car, the front headlight and body work damage. Nobody owned up. The road is narrow, and is frequently used by big vehicles such as delivery drivers. This is only going to get worse.
7. Turners Hill does not have the correct parking infrastructure to cope with the amount of cars, visitors, congestion and proposed

population.

8. I regularly have to park down the street and not near my house because all the spaces are taken. I take suitcases and bags to work with me and I have no access to the house, which brings me to the next section of my objection, access and the risk of such development on existing builds and architecture.

I would like to bring to the upmost attention that the proposed project of 40 plus housing will have a detrimental impact to existing buildings including restricting access -

1. The primary access to Hillcrest is on an elevated hill. Lion Lane is a narrow country road close to adjacent properties. The properties are old and need regular maintenance. The owners are obligated to uphold the original architecture and appearance adhering to council policies to protect English history. The homes particularly in the location of Hillcrest on a steep incline need access via the rear of the property. Hillcrest house has been recently painted and Fairview house has recently had a new roof and pointing work, the scaffolders could only gain access by the rear of the property with their big vehicle and scaffolding poles. The new proposal shows no thought to how the owners of the original properties of Turners Hill are to continue to maintain and improve their properties.

2. There are concerns for the delivery of bulky items such as sofas. The gardener brings his own tools and needs direct access. The access to the back gate needs to be reconsidered in terms of size and accessibility.

3. There is a huge loss of privacy if the planning was to go ahead. I would feel like I would have to have my curtains closed all the time. Especially in the rear bedrooms. The garden and the rear sliding doors to the garden will be overlooked.

4. There is concern for security. A narrow alley and a car park at the rear provide a well concealed and convenient escape for potential burglars. There would be a need for new gates, fencing and security measures.

5. The proposed development does not compliment the colours and tones of the original building materials used in Turners Hill. The proposed development is out of character with a rare English village such as Turners Hill.

6. The proposal for a car park would mean additional noise and light pollution effecting Lion Lane residents and ecology. The proposed site for the car park would mean headlight glare into peoples homes, not too far from Hillcrest. The noise will be noticeable.

7. The land that is subject to planning is best used for its natural purpose. It is enjoyed by residents, visitors and wildlife. It acts as an essential aesthetic to Turners Hill. Countryside living. Open space. Which brings me to my final section for my objection, resident health and well-being, wildlife and ecology.

I would like to bring to the upmost attention that the proposed

project of 40 plus housing will have a detrimental impact to resident health and wellbeing, wildlife and ecology -

1. The land subject to planning is wildly used by wildlife habitat. Deer, Owls, Bats and numerous bird species native and migrating.
2. The land is used by residents to walk dogs away from the busy traffic of Turners Hill. The land is used to collect berries and apples. The land is used to contribute to the health and well-being of residents.
3. The loss of this land would negatively impact biodiversity and ecology.
4. Turners Hill is home to numerous bird species including woodpeckers, great tits, blue tits, blackbirds, house martins and swifts. The list goes on.
5. House Martins are a migrating bird and choose to call Turners Hill their home each spring and summer. They nest in the roof eaves of the houses lining the street of Lion Lane. They have become a household bird of Turners Hill and dance in the village's skyline. They are sensitive to construction and urban noise. They are also 50% endangered.

Kind regards