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Sent: 30 June 2026 11:06
To: Caroline Grist
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1315

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/06/2026 11:06 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Gatesmead Wickham Way Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed 49 new homes together with open space and associated infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Caroline Grist

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Customer Details

Address:	128 Barnmead Haywards Heath West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Objections to Planning Application: DM/26/1315. Proposed 49 new homes together with open space and associated infrastructure. Grounds of Objection: Cumulative Impact on Water Resources and Reservoir Capacity. I wish to formally object to the planning application DM/26/1315 on the grounds until the proposed development adequately presents the cumulative impact of additional housing on the already depleted local water supply and reservoir capacity. The concern is that the additional dwellings proposed will place further pressure on a reservoir system that is already under substantial strain (Oct 2025). The assessment of water availability should not be limited to the individual number of houses contained within this single planning application, instead the development must be considered as part of the wider pattern of housing growth currently taking place across the entire reservoir catchment area.

Each individual application may appear to represent only a small increase in demand, but when all approved, proposed, and recently constructed developments within the same catchment are considered together, the combined impact becomes substantial. The cumulative increase in water demand from multiple developments risks further depleting an already limited resource following summer draw downs and may contribute to future shortages.

This planning application should therefore require a full cumulative assessment of the total number of new dwellings being added across the reservoir catchment, rather than assessing this application in isolation. The true impact on water resources cannot be accurately understood by looking only at this single development.

October 2025 saw a depletion in reservoir levels to 24.6% prior to any demand from new or proposed cumulative developments drawing down or having potential to draw down. Yet there are alternative water sources in place from local wells this doesn't take negate the increased impact from reservoir drawdown.

Local water companies are already sharing communications expressing concern for future upcoming shortages and putting forward mitigations to reduce water shortages.

Before any further housing is approved, there should be clear evidence that sufficient water resources and infrastructure capacity exist to support the combined level of development already being delivered and proposed within the catchment area. Without this wider assessment, approving additional housing prior to future proofing existing properties risks placing unacceptable pressure on a vulnerable water supply.

For these reasons, I request that this planning application is refused, or at minimum deferred until a comprehensive assessment of cumulative water demand including properties under development or within new applications across the entire reservoir catchment has been undertaken to future proof the current demand.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lock

Kind regards