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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1402

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/06/2026 4:34 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Naked Farm Warninglid Lane Warninglid Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5TG
Proposal:	Proposed farm abattoir and animal processing facility located within existing agricultural building
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	Gillhurst The Street Warninglid
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	To: Planning Department Mid Sussex District Council Oaklands Road Haywards Heath West Sussex Re: DM/26/1402 - Proposed farm abattoir and animal processing facility at Barlands Farm, The Street, Warninglid Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to object to the above application for a Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) for the installation of an abattoir and animal processing facility at Barlands Farm. Although submitted as an LDC, the proposal represents a material change of use from agriculture to an activity that is industrial in nature, with significant impacts on nearby residential properties. The applicant has not demonstrated, on the balance of probabilities, that

the proposed use is lawful.

1. My home, Gillhurst, is directly opposite the proposed abattoir. The submitted location plan clearly shows Gillhurst positioned directly opposite Barlands Farm on The Street, Warninglid. This places my home immediately across the road from the proposed abattoir site, making it one of the closest residential properties to the development at a distance considerably less than 400 metres. Under Schedule 2, Part 6, Paragraph D.1 of the GPDO, permitted development rights are entirely restricted for any livestock-related facility within a 400-metre radius of residential properties. Furthermore, an abattoir would introduce noise, odour, waste handling, machinery noise, vehicle movements, biosecurity concerns, and potential early-morning or late-evening operations. These impacts would have a direct and unacceptable effect on my residential amenity.

2. An abattoir is an industrial use, not an agricultural one. Abattoirs are normally classified as B2 General Industrial uses. (Class B2 General Industrial). It cannot claim permitted development rights under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R, as the processing of livestock is strictly excluded from agricultural-to-commercial flexible use provisions. They involve regulated slaughter operations, specialist equipment, controlled waste streams, and environmental health oversight. These characteristics are industrial, not agricultural. Slaughtering is not a normal or incidental part of modern UK farming practice. Because the use is industrial, it cannot be lawful under agricultural use rights and therefore requires full planning permission.

3. The proposal would result in a material change of use. The existing building is used for housing livestock. Converting part of it into an abattoir introduces a fundamentally different activity with new environmental health considerations, noise, odour, waste impacts, increased vehicle movements, and a regulated industrial process. These changes are material and cannot be authorised through an LDC.

4. The application contains a significant addressing error. The application repeatedly refers to the site as being on Spronketts Lane. This is incorrect. Both Barlands Farm and Gillhurst are located on The Street, Warninglid. This misrepresents the true relationship between the site and neighbouring dwellings and undermines the reliability of the submission. A lawful development certificate cannot be granted on the basis of incorrect or misleading site information.

5. The proposed abattoir is too close to numerous residential properties. The location plan shows many dwellings within a few hundred metres. This is not an isolated agricultural location. It is a settled rural residential area. An abattoir is not compatible with this pattern of development.

6. The applicant has not met the "balance of probabilities" test. The case law cited is weak, outdated, or irrelevant. No UK authority is

provided confirming that on-farm slaughter is agricultural. The scale of the wider business suggests a vertically integrated commercial food enterprise, not a typical farm. The incorrect site address further undermines the reliability of the submission. The applicant has not discharged the burden of proof.

7. Granting this LDC would set a dangerous precedent for Mid Sussex. If Mid Sussex were to accept that an abattoir constitutes an agricultural use simply because the animals originate from the same farm, it would create a significant and far reaching precedent. Industrial food processing activities could be introduced into rural residential areas without full planning scrutiny. This would undermine the purpose of the planning system.

Conclusion

For the reasons above, the proposed abattoir is directly opposite my home, is too close to numerous residential properties, is industrial in nature, represents a material change of use, has not been proven lawful, contains incorrect site information, conflicts with planning policy, and would set a dangerous precedent.

I therefore respectfully request that Mid Sussex District Council refuse the application for a Lawful Development Certificate.

Yours faithfully,

Gillhurst The Street Warninglid West Sussex RH17 5SZ

Kind regards