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To: "Andrew Clarke" <andrew.clarke@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 30/04/2025 5:04 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	South Meadow Cottage Brantridge Lane Staplefield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6EW
Proposal:	Retrospective planning application for the partial change of use of land to residential paddock area.
Case Officer:	Andrew Clarke

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Customer Details

Address: Kings Cottage Brantridge Lane Balcombe

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	There is no planning requirement to use the land as a paddock for the purposes of agriculture (grazing animals etc). However as stated in a documented letter from the applicant's agent "The intended use would be to have it as an extended garden space." It can therefore be deduced that the intention is to use it as such. If this is the case then this would effectively substantially increase the size of the residential curtilage, for which there is no policy justification, resulting in the harmful erosion and domestication of the countryside, thereby failing to protect its intrinsic character or

beauty, and would not conserve or enhance the natural beauty of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Policy DP12 of the Mid Sussex Plan establishes that the countryside is to be protected in recognition of its intrinsic character and beauty. As set out the fields along Brantridge Lane contribute positively to the character of the area and this change of use would therefore have a significantly harmful impact on this. The change of use would result in a substantial area of land being effectively converted into domestic garden. This aspect would lead to domestication of the land. Whilst currently grassed it would likely be mown and gain domestic paraphernalia further having a substantial negative effect on the HWAONB.

Kind regards