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To: "planninginfo" <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2661

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/10/2025 9:59 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Coombe Farm London Road Sayers Common West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) comprising a residential development of up to 210 dwellings (Use Class C3); with associated access; landscaping; amenity space; drainage and associated works.
Case Officer:	Stuart Malcolm

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Customer Details

Address: 2 Wintergreen Way Sayers Common Hassocks

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Stuart Malcolm, I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 210 houses on land opposite my home in Sayers Common. While I understand the need for housing, this particular proposal is wholly unsuitable for our village and would have significant negative impacts on local infrastructure, the environment, and the character of our community.

1. Lack of Infrastructure and Services

Our village simply does not have the infrastructure to support a development of this size. There are currently limited local facilities, and residents already struggle to access essential services such as shops and healthcare. One of our local schools is closing, which will further reduce capacity for families and children. Adding 210 new homes will place an unsustainable strain on already stretched services.

2. Increased Traffic and Road Safety Concerns

The proposed development will substantially increase traffic through our small village, where roads are narrow and not designed for heavy volumes of vehicles. This poses serious safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and schoolchildren. Congestion and noise pollution will also worsen, changing the quiet and rural nature of our area.

3. Flooding and Drainage Issues

Our village already suffers from flooding, particularly during periods of heavy rain. Building on this farmland will reduce natural drainage and increase surface runoff, making existing flood risks significantly worse for residents. The proposed drainage plans do not adequately address these real and ongoing concerns.

4. Loss of Agricultural Land and Impact on Nature

The proposed site is currently productive farmland and an important habitat for local wildlife. Developing it would result in the permanent loss of valuable greenfield land and disrupt the biodiversity that thrives there. This runs counter to the council's own environmental and sustainability objectives.

5. Impact on Village Character

This large-scale development would dramatically alter the rural character and identity of Sayers Common. For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully urge the council to refuse planning permission for this development. I believe that any future housing proposals should be proportionate, sustainable, and designed in a way that truly reflects the needs and capacity of our village.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Kind regards