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Sent: 21 April 2026 22:47
To: Martin Dale
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/2223

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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 21/04/2026 10:46 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Juhring And Hobbs Field At Saint Hill Manor Saint Hill Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	Change of use of vacant land to event area for use with installation of permanent infrastructure and reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) to facilitate the erection of annual marquee structures including ground level alterations, wash block and toilets, generator enclosure and concrete ring together with the erection and dismantling of the temporary marquee structure themselves (for a total maximum period of 84 days per year) and overflow car parking for the Church and neighbouring sports clubs consisting of reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) for up to 683 cr car spaces (comprising up to 113 cars (Area A) for no more than 30 days per annum, 313 cars (Areas A & B) for no more than 13 days per year and up to 683 cars (Areas A, B & C) for no more than 7 days per year), construction of a new access and internal road, sustainable surface water and foul drainage provision, associated landscaping and ecological enhancements, (Amended Description, Plans, Documents)
Case Officer:	Martin Dale

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Customer Details

Address:	29 Langridge Way, Worth Copthorne
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I support this planning application for a number of reasons that I believe positively impact the general public as a whole.

I have attended events recently at both the East Grinstead Sports Club for a charity event, and the East Grinstead Rugby Club. In both instances the parking at those locations was inadequate and improperly organised for the scale of the event, and the use of Saint Hill's parking facilities were offered freely to assist attendees.

The plans, from what I can see, benefit the environment further by being inconspicuous and well thought out, allowing for plant life to grow and preventing unsightly damage to both vehicles and the field itself.

In another instance where parking could not be assisted with by Saint Hill at a rugby event, public parked on the unmarked verges up and down Saint Hill road causing serious delays and traffic issues that negatively impacted local neighbours as well as visitors, and lead to pedestrians having to walk in the middle of the road. All of this could have been prevented if measures were in place at Saint Hill to assist. I don't know why it wasn't available on that date, perhaps it had not been coordinated well enough in advance, but the difference was notable.

I have further comments on supporting the application as regards the annual event: As an executive of a local home improvement business, the large event held in October has brought a number of economic benefits to our business, as well as creating local jobs for young people, which is already an area of concern in this climate.

The Charity Concert in particular has brought tens of thousands of pounds to local charities, several of which our business has also helped support, providing these charities the possibility to grow and further assist the local community.

By permitting permanent infrastructure to support the event, which I believe brings in thousands of people to the local area each year and keeps many local hotels, restaurants and shops alive, East Grinstead and the surrounding areas can only benefit.

It will increase energy efficiency for the event itself, provide much-needed traffic control on a busy road, and permit the continual support of local charities and support groups, all with a negligible impact on the surrounds.

Kind regards