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From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk
Sent: 21 April 2026 15:46
To: Martin Dale
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/2223

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 3:45 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:	83 Edward Road Haywards Heath
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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:	As a supplier to St Hill for approx 20 years, visiting on regular basis and attending their biggest events, I know the staff of St Hill to be super efficient in all matters and caring individuals. Over the years one has had to walk across a muddy, at times, overflow field to get to the

events, so the recent occasions with their bases put down has proved to be valuable to people's safety to and from their cars. It is highly organized, with lighting and clear routes to keep cars and pedestrians apart. Safety being a vital part imputed into this application with care is clear and legal requirements being adhered to.

It really covers the design, ecological, economic and benefit to the community with conservation and traffic all catered for in one.

Having attended the biggest events of the year, over one weekend, I have never once had to queue up more than about 15 or so cars back and never back to the junction coming up from E.Grinstead end, so one could have no objection to the traffic issue. Rather the South of England Show effects traffic hold ups going back 2-3 miles either end, this is not the case with St Hill.

These events are very well manned with staff directing traffic and passing local traffic with the minimal of hold ups, over and above a normal event held anywhere, where sometimes there is no one out in the road to assist.

The planning itself, not being an erected building, does not detract from the visual scenery about, and helps the local church and sports centre themselves when they have need of parking space, so a shared benefit to those who use the sports centre. Parking is a fact of life and needs catering to. The allowance for draining and landscaping will minimize any overall effect to eye and wildlife to the point of being quite un-noticeable, over and above any housing development. One only has to look at the St Hill grounds to see how well maintained they are, so an added benefit over and above the current plot as it is that has more than one benefit.

St Hill are known for their valued charity donations to Sussex and East Grinstead over the years and are a valuable asset to the community, and I as one cannot see any reason not to allow this application to go forward. It is after all generally quiet, well away from the town and so any disruption of traffic is very limited indeed to only specific times.

Kind regards