

Steve Ashdown

From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk
Sent: 21 April 2026 15:10
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 3:10 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:	13 Green Hedges Avenue East Grinstead
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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 moved to East Grinstead in 1981 to study at the Church of Scientology, Saint Hill. Fairly soon I was involved with some community actions that the Church supported such as East Grinstead in Bloom,Christmas Lights, litter pick-ups, road marshall for the May Fair and the local marathon. My extended family and friends are pleased to attend the events like Halloween, bonfire night,

Easter egg hunt and Christmas Lights.

The biggest event for us, and one for which the local communities benefit, is the three day International Association of Scientologists event in October. Thousands of Scientologists from around the world gather to celebrate the event. Many make a holiday of it, visiting local sites, renting rooms, hiring cars and donating to local charities in the Charity Gala.

Without a suitable large parking space and facilities for this annual, short-lived event, and the money it raises for the area, would move to America.

I understand that the installation of an all-weather surface is under discussion but I believe that its design would make it blend in within a few years. It would also help with the traffic in the road as both the overflow from the Church events and the matches at the Rugby Club would be removed from the road.

Kind regards