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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/3129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/05/2026 8:14 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 117 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access. (Amended plans and supporting statements received 15th April reducing the number of proposed dwellings to up 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: Crowlink Borde hill lane Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I strongly object to this application and believe it should be refused. The proposal would cause severe and irreversible harm to my home, my family's quality of life, and the rural character of this area.

I chose to live here because of its quiet rural setting, privacy and direct relationship with the surrounding countryside. This proposal would permanently destroy that. It would replace a peaceful rural edge with a dense housing estate, an enlarged roundabout and increased traffic infrastructure, fundamentally changing the character of the area and urbanising a sensitive gateway to the village and the setting of the High Weald National Landscape.

The proposed removal of mature trees, including a significant oak, is completely unacceptable. These trees currently provide privacy, screening and contribute greatly to the rural character of the area. Once they are removed, that loss cannot be meaningfully reversed. My home would become increasingly exposed to traffic, lighting and development activity.

The plans show housing and an estate road positioned directly behind existing homes, on land sitting higher than current garden levels. This would create direct overlooking into my property, intrusive noise from vehicles and residents, headlight glare, and constant disturbance immediately behind my boundary. My privacy would be severely compromised and the peaceful enjoyment of my home and garden would be permanently lost.

The increase in traffic caused by 125 additional homes would place further strain on an already congested local road network. The enlarged roundabout would bring additional noise, pollution and disruption to an area that is currently quiet and rural. These impacts would be felt every single day by existing residents.

This development would also destroy the dark skies that define this area. Streetlights, vehicle headlights and estate lighting would create unnecessary light pollution directly affecting nearby homes and damaging local wildlife habitats.

I am also deeply concerned that raising site levels and introducing hard surfaces and drainage infrastructure behind existing properties could increase flooding and surface water risks. There is no convincing evidence that neighbouring homes will be protected.

This proposal places the interests of a developer above the wellbeing of existing residents and the protection of an important rural landscape. The cumulative impact of losing privacy, increased traffic, noise, lighting, visual intrusion and environmental harm is unacceptable.

This is the wrong development in the wrong location, and I urge the Council to refuse this application.

Kind regards

