

Joanne Fisher

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Sent: 01 July 2025 15:38
To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/0445

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/07/2025 3:38 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Colwell Farm Lewes Road Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for up to 80 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, infrastructure and vehicular and pedestrian accesses. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION of a further Transport Note in response to the Highways Authority consultation.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address:	38 West Common Lindfield Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Local amenity society or association
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	The Lindfield Society wish to add their voice to the many objections that have been raised relating to the development of 80 houses on the Colwell Farm site. This site has previously been dismissed by Mid Sussex District Council as being unsuitable for development due to the negative impact on the Lewes Road Conservation Area. The loss of the three fields that make up the proposed site would not only represent a significant loss of wildlife habitat causing considerable ecological damage but because of its position, would create a car dependent community isolated from local services and facilities, making it unsustainable in transport terms. This dependency on cars as the primary means of transport to and from the development would inevitably result in additional pressure on the B2111, Northlands Avenue and Gravelly Lane for traffic movements northwards, leading into Lewes Road Lindfield and the village of Lindfield itself.

The infrastructure of Haywards Heath and Lindfield is already at breaking point with schools, medical facilities and roads unable to cope with further development on this scale and little or no sign of S106 or CIL monies being used to alleviate the problems that they create. These are permanent, irreversible problems that far outweigh any temporary benefits of increased employment during the construction period. While the addition of 80 units must be a very tempting prospect to a council that is short of housing land supply following revisions to the NPPF, this site is not the answer and this application for planning consent should be refused.


Management Committee Lindfield Society

Kind regards