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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 07/05/2026 9:53 AM.

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 to 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	9 Champions Place Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to formally object to the proposed development at Borde Hill Lane, Haywards Heath, including the revised roundabout design on Hanlye Lane. 1. Unsustainable Pressure on Local Infrastructure

The surrounding road network is already inadequate for current levels of traffic. Hanlye Lane and neighbouring rural roads are narrow, congested, and unsuitable for the significant increase in vehicle movements that would result from an additional 117 homes. Local schools, GP surgeries, and healthcare services are already operating under considerable strain, and there is insufficient evidence that these essential services can absorb the increased demand created by this development.

2. Environmental and Landscape Harm

This proposal would cause irreversible harm to the rural character and environmental quality of the area. The site forms part of an important landscape setting near areas of outstanding natural beauty and supports local wildlife habitats that should be protected, not destroyed. The urbanisation of this countryside location would erode the distinct rural identity of the area and damage biodiversity for future generations.

3. Inappropriate Roundabout Design

The revised roundabout proposal remains wholly out of keeping with the surrounding rural landscape. Despite being described as a "reduction" in scale, the design still represents a substantial urban engineering intervention that would dramatically alter the character of Hanlye Lane. The proposed junction appears oversized and visually intrusive for a countryside setting and would fundamentally change the nature of this rural approach road.

4. Lack of Supporting Infrastructure Improvements

There is little evidence of meaningful infrastructure investment to support this scale of development. Concerns remain regarding water supply capacity, drainage, public transport provision, and wider utility infrastructure. Without substantial upgrades, existing residents will experience further pressure on already stretched local services and resources.

Conclusion

This application represents unsustainable development in an unsuitable rural location. The cumulative impacts on infrastructure, the environment, landscape character, and local services significantly outweigh any perceived benefits. I respectfully urge the Council to reject this application and protect the long-term character, sustainability, and wellbeing of the local community.

Kind regards