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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/01/2026 12:50 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Havens Sportsfield Car Park The Haven Centre Hophurst Lane Crawley Down West Sussex
Proposal:	New/Replacement Village Hall.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	Woodbridge Haven Vicarage Road Crawley Down
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Planning Objection to proposed New Village Hall I wish to formally object to the above planning application for the construction of a new village hall on this site. My objection is based on the following key points of concern. Loss of trees and impact on biodiversity The proposed development would result in the loss of mature trees and green space that are an important feature of the area. The applicant own biodiversity report confirms that there would be

a net loss to biodiversity on the site. This directly conflicts with current planning policy which expects developments to demonstrate biodiversity net gain, not loss. The removal of trees will also have a negative impact on local wildlife, landscape character, and the environmental quality of the area.

Lack of traffic assessment

There has been no traffic survey submitted in support of this application. This is a significant omission, particularly given the number of recent housing developments in the surrounding area which have already increased traffic levels. A village hall would generate additional vehicle movements, including peak time traffic, deliveries, and parking demand. Without a proper traffic impact assessment, it is impossible to understand or mitigate the effect on local roads, safety, and congestion.

No clear planning justification for the site

There appears to be no valid permission or clear planning justification to build on this particular site. The location raises concerns regarding suitability, sustainability, and compliance with local planning policy. This has not been adequately addressed within the application.

Lack of need for an additional village hall

There are already two existing village halls serving the community. No evidence has been provided to demonstrate a genuine need for a further facility, nor has there been any consultation or clear indication that residents feel there is a loss or shortfall in current provision. The application does not justify why existing halls cannot be improved or better utilised instead of building on a new green site.

Concerns regarding financing and funding

There are unresolved concerns about the financing of this project, particularly regarding the source of funds linked to the sale of the old village hall. Clear and transparent information about funding should be provided, as this is a development intended to serve the community and should be subject to appropriate scrutiny.

Inadequate and incomplete application information

When the proposal was first viewed, there was no clear site plan available. This raises serious concerns about the completeness and validity of the application. Given that this proposal has been ongoing for approximately six years, it would be reasonable to expect updated and comprehensive documentation reflecting changes in planning policy, environmental standards, and local circumstances. The application should be resubmitted in full with all required plans, assessments, and reports.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, including environmental harm, lack of supporting evidence, absence of demonstrated need,

traffic concerns, and insufficient and outdated documentation, I strongly object to this planning application. I respectfully request that the planning authority refuse permission or require the application to be resubmitted with full and up to date information.

Kind regards