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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 08/05/2026 11:12 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 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: 3 Fairfield Way Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 117 houses at [site location]. I strongly believe this proposal is unsuitable for the area and would result in significant and irreversible harm to the local environment, wildlife, and community infrastructure.

1. Impact on Landscape and Character

The proposed site forms part of a valued and attractive landscape that contributes significantly to the character of the local area. The introduction of a large-scale housing development would urbanise what is currently a natural and open setting, resulting in the loss of visual amenity and the erosion of the area's rural identity. This is contrary to the principles of sustainable development, which require protection and enhancement of valued landscapes.

2. Harm to Wildlife and Biodiversity

The site is known to support a variety of wildlife, including several rare and protected species. Development on this scale would inevitably lead to habitat destruction, fragmentation, and disturbance. This risks displacing species that rely on this environment and could cause permanent biodiversity loss. In particular:

Loss of natural habitats such as hedgerows, grassland, and woodland

Disturbance during construction and long-term residential activity
Increased light, noise, and pollution levels affecting sensitive species

This conflicts with national and local planning policies that require biodiversity to be protected and enhanced, not harmed.

3. Pressure on Local Infrastructure - Schools Already Over Capacity

Local schools in the area are already operating at or beyond full capacity. The addition of 117 homes will likely result in a significant increase in demand for school places, which existing infrastructure cannot accommodate.

There is no clear evidence within the proposal that adequate provision has been made to address:

Shortage of primary and secondary school places
Increased strain on educational resources
Additional traffic and congestion from school transport

Without appropriate mitigation, this development would place unacceptable pressure on already stretched services.

4. Unsustainable Development

The cumulative impacts of this scheme-environmental, ecological, and infrastructural-demonstrate that the proposal is not sustainable. The development prioritises housing numbers over the protection of natural assets and the well-being of the existing community.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the planning

authority to refuse this application. The development would result in unacceptable harm to the local landscape, threaten important wildlife habitats and species, and place undue strain on already overstretched school infrastructure.

I respectfully request that these concerns be given full consideration in the decision-making process.

Kind regards