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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 06/05/2026 3:35 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: 8 Aster Way Haywards Heath

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 above planning application. This proposal would have a significant adverse impact on our local and wider community and cause considerable harm to the character of this rural setting, highway safety, local infrastructure whilst increasing traffic and noise. My reasons are below:

Impact on local and wider community:

This proposed development would place an unsustainable burden on local primary and secondary schools, which are operating to full capacity. There is also already pressure on GP provision and the local hospital. The train service from Haywards Heath is already crowded and at peak times it operates on standing only. Further commuters from a new development would exacerbate this. The traffic around the station area at peak times is often gridlocked and the opening of Lidl will add further demands to this area. There would be additional demand on water supplies and a six month ban on hose pipes last year, adds evidence that further demands on water is not sustainable.

This application does not evidence any infrastructure changes to support the development.

Loss of rural character:

The development would result in a permanent loss of open countryside with adjoins AONB. The development would dramatically diminish the pleasure of living on the rural edge of Haywards Heath.

Traffic and Safety:

Whilst I appreciate the roundabout proposed has had a revision to its size, it remains out of character and too large for a rural area, with country lanes leading on to it. It remains disproportionate and would dominate the landscape. The crossing points for pedestrians do not give sufficient line of sight for them or car users and will be dangerous. Balcombe Road is particularly in bad repair, has poor lighting and the layout is narrow and winding, as are all the roads approaching this roundabout and leading away from it. The bus service is very infrequent leaving the choice of transport for this development heavily reliant on cars, which could add an additional 300 vehicles to this area along with additional delivery vans which comes with residential demands.

Conclusion

In light of the above reasons and the insignificant reductions made for the revised planning (ie 7 house less and slight reduction in roundabout) I urge the local planning authority to reject this application outright. The development is not in the district plan and should remain outside to ensure further applications are not made.

Kind regards