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To: "Joseph Swift" <joseph.swift@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 29/01/2026 3:34 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	The erection of 44 new homes with access from West Hoathly Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works.
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address: Hazeldene Coombe Hill Road East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I strongly object to this application. It's beyond depressing and saddening to see a proposal of this scale put forward, that is wholly inappropriate within the designated area of outstanding natural beauty. The field marks the beginning of the countryside within the AONB. It is an invaluable greenfield site that demarcates the rural outskirts of this edge of East Grinstead, that signals the start of the country beyond the town. The encroachment of a large

development on this meadow would change the rural character of this location for future generations and be highly detrimental to the people already living here, and to the rich wildlife and natural habitat that it supports.

My numerous objections are as follows:

Loss of designated AONB: The loss of the greenfield site would have a negative effect on the people and wildlife in the immediate surroundings and does not meet the stated criteria for conserving or enhancing an AONB status.

Traffic: This section of West Hoathly Road, at the junction with Coombe Hill Road and where it merges into Dunnings Road, next to the application site, is increasingly fast and busy, with a significant number of drivers ignoring speed signs both on entering and leaving this edge of town next to a day nursery. The effects of an additional 44 houses bringing a vast amount of extra vehicles, from new home-dwellers who will most certainly depend on cars, is unthinkable, as is the impact that construction work would have on the road and local people.

The inclusion in the application of cycle parking is a feeble attempt at suggesting there is anything green or friendly about the proposed travel impact on the road.

Safety: The pavement that skirts Toybox Nursery leading up to Dunnings Road is incredibly narrow. This makes walking in and out of town already challenging for pedestrians, particularly for parents with young children and pushchairs, and dog owners with their pets on leads. Cars pulling in and out of the proposed development so close to parents and toddlers using the nursery would present a huge risk to their safety.

Drainage: There is already a problem with adequate drainage in the vicinity made worse by more frequent and heavy rainfall, with drains and sections of the road gouged out by torrents of water following a natural downhill course from further up the West Hoathly Road. Concreting over the field on the application site removes the natural soakaway that the agricultural land currently provides to lessen flood water spilling on to the tarmac.

Noise and light pollution: The site is a green buffer that is unspoilt and peaceful, both by day and unlit and tranquil by night. A new housing development here would destroy both these elements for the current local community and wildlife.

Local amenities: Proposed additional new households on this scale are bound to place further pressure on GP services and other social services support and local infrastructure, that is barely equipped to deal with the current population.

The threatened urbanisation of a greenfield site sets precedents for more building in this area of outstanding natural beauty, which is constantly under pressure from recent attempts to infill green spaces and mature gardens at the expense of local homeowners, the rural character of the area and the environment.

The Turners Hill Road development has already provided an extensive quota of new dwellings to this town, not to mention obliterating the original green hillside view from another key road exiting the town, the loss of which saddens many people living here. I passionately urge the council to refuse this application.

Kind regards