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To: "Rachel Richardson" <rachel.richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1467

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 18/06/2025 1:55 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Old Vicarage Field And The Old Estate Yard Church Road Turners Hill West Sussex RH10 4PA
Proposal:	Demolition of existing buildings and the development of 40 dwellings (including affordable housing) with open space, access, parking, drainage, landscaping and other associated works as well as the creation of a new community car park and replacement parking for Lion Lane residents.
Case Officer:	Rachel Richardson

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Customer Details

Address:	1 Withypitts East Turners Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed planning application for DM/25/1467. My concerns are multifaceted, encompassing inadequate healthcare services, poor infrastructure, affordability issues, increased traffic, and environmental impacts.

Firstly, the healthcare situation in our area is dire. Securing a doctor's appointment is already a challenge due to the shortage of medical practitioners. Both Queen Victoria Hospital and Crawley Hospital have been downgraded over the last 25 years with increased building in the surrounding areas, while East Surrey is persistently busy with ward closures, and the Princess Royal Hospital struggles with the sheer volume of patients. Adding more residents without expanding healthcare facilities will further strain our already overburdened system and compromise community health.

Secondly, the infrastructure is insufficient to support this development. The roads are currently in poor condition, riddled with potholes and uneven surfaces, raising concerns about their capacity to handle increased traffic from construction vehicles and new residents. There is no indication of plans to resurface these roads. Moreover, our water supply has previously failed, leaving residents without water for days. The sewage system is similarly overtaxed, as evidenced by last year's breakdown of the pumping station even without additional residents. Frequent power cuts further highlight the fragility of our electrical grid, which would struggle to accommodate further housing.

Affordability is another significant issue. Existing new developments have houses priced well above £500,000, which is unaffordable for most residents in the village. This proposal would exacerbate the housing affordability crisis, placing homes out of reach for the local community.

Traffic volume and safety are also of major concern. The Neighbourhood Plan from January 2016 highlighted issues with traffic volume and speed, and these have only worsened over time. The crossroads are heavily congested during peak hours, with frequent accidents already occurring. Increased housing would further escalate these problems, making crossing the road more dangerous and potentially leading to more accidents. The proposed access point near the school and fire station would also negatively impact road safety and residents.

Lastly, environmental considerations appear insufficiently addressed. While a dormouse survey has been conducted, there is no mention of assessments for bats and badgers, which are commonly observed in the area and may be affected by the demolition and development. The land in question is currently used by villagers for recreation, mental health benefits, dog walking, and safe routes for children to walk to school away from traffic.

In conclusion, the proposed development presents numerous risks and challenges that must be addressed comprehensively. I urge the planning committee to carefully consider these concerns and reject the current application unless a viable plan to improve

local infrastructure, services, affordability, and environmental protection is presented.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Kind regards