

## Steven King

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**Sent:** 12 May 2025 09:28  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** Re: DM/25/08/27

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Hi Steven,

Thanks for your response.

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Best wishes,

On Mon, 12 May 2025, 08:12 Steven King, <[steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e mail.

Please could I have your full postal address so your comments can be added to the file.

Regards

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**Subject:** DM/25/08/27

Dear Mr King,

I appreciate your time in relation to this planning application as I expect you are very busy and the suggested deadline for responses has closed.

I have unfortunately have only just seen the application and would struggle to hold off providing a response. Although I am writing in a personal capacity, my profession is as a Ranger for the South Downs National Park Authority.

Having looked at the site in question, I can see there is great ecological value. Though the grassland on site does appear to be semi improved, it hosts a range of quality sussex hay meadow species such as

Oxe Eye Daisys, Tufted Vetch, Red Clovers, Trefoil and a range of rush and grass species.

Though none of these plants are rare, their assemblage and quantity is of ecological significance, providing valuable space for pollinators and invertibrates which in turn supports; reptiles, mammals and birds.

The surrounding land appears to comprise of ploughed arable fields, another new housing development, existing housing and woodland. Thus leaving this grassland meadow as somewhat of a fragment.

Given the crisis and loss of biodiversity our country and particularly the South East is facing, these sites are where we take back ground in the fight for nature recovery.

I sincerely hope that this planning application can be rejected or significantly reduced to protect the precious and fragile nature of our english countryside.

My understanding is that planning has a commitment to biodiversity net gain. I cannot see a equation where the development of this site could result in anything other than habitat loss and cascading ecological degradation of the local area.

If land banking of brown field sites could be addressed I'm sure this housing allocation could be accommodated in sites with a significantly lower impact on the wildlife.

I am grateful for your work and the vocation of the planning authority to find a balance with Nature and housing In mind.

Best wishes,

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