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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 22/04/2026 11:50 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Juhring And Hobbs Field At Saint Hill Manor Saint Hill Road East Grinstead West Sussex

Proposal: Change of use of vacant land to event area for use with installation of permanent infrastructure and reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) to facilitate the erection of annual marquee structures including ground level alterations, wash block and toilets, generator enclosure and concrete ring together with the erection and dismantling of the temporary marquee structure themselves (for a total maximum period of 84 days per year) and overflow car parking for the Church and neighbouring sports clubs consisting of reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) for up to 683 car spaces (comprising up to 113 cars (Area A) for no more than 30 days per annum, 313 cars (Areas A & B) for no more than 13 days per year and up to 683 cars (Areas A, B & C) for no more than 7 days per year), construction of a new access and internal road, sustainable surface water and foul drainage provision, associated landscaping and ecological enhancements, (Amended Description, Plans, Documents)

Case Officer: Martin Dale

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Customer Details

Address: 7 Barn Field Place East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	1. Economic and Tourism Contribution: The proposed development secures the future of a major annual international event that provides a substantial boost to the local, sub-regional, and national economies. By providing permanent infrastructure for these gatherings, the town continues to benefit from: - Increased Tourism: Thousands of domestic and international visitors supporting local hotels, hospitality, and transport services. - Employment: These provide Direct and indirect job creation within the local service sector. - Charitable Impact: Support charities and organisations and for local causes through high-profile events, such as charity concerts 2. Community and Social Infrastructure: The site is a vital hub for the "social fabric" of the town. These improvements will enhance the delivery of family-friendly activities, including Easter, Christmas, and Bonfire Night events. The transition from temporary "ad-hoc" setups to permanent, high-quality infrastructure ensures these community assets remain safe, professional, and accessible for all residents. 3. Highways, Parking, and Public Safety: One of the most significant benefits is the formalization of parking. It enhance Road Safety: By providing up to 683 managed spaces on-site, the application directly addresses dangerous "fly-parking" on local verges and roads. - Neighbouring Support: The applicant's commitment to allowing neighbouring sport and rugby clubs to use the overflow parking is a major planning gain, significantly reducing congestion during peak sporting fixtures. - Reduced Construction Impact: The permanent "concrete rings" and infrastructure mean the annual setup will require fewer heavy vehicle movements and less labour, leading to a reduction in noise and traffic disturbance for neighbours. 4. Environmental Integration and Biodiversity: The use of cellular paving grids (grass reinforcement) is a sensible middle ground; it provides the necessary structural integrity for vehicles while maintaining the visual character of a green field. - Visual Amenity: The scheme is designed to be low-impact, preserving the character of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). - Net Gains: The proposal includes proactive ecological enhancements and sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) that will likely result in a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), improving the land's environmental value compared to its current vacant state. In conclusion, The substantial public benefits-economic, social, and safety-related-far outweigh any minimal, localized landscape impact. The project represents a high-quality investment in the town's infrastructure.

I support this application, subject to the following standard conditions:

1. Strict adherence to AONB and tree protection guidelines.
 2. Full implementation of the proposed sustainable drainage and ecological management plans.
 3. Permission from Neighbouring property owners
 3. Compliance with the recommendations of the Transport Assessment and Road Safety Audit.
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Kind regards