

Stuart Malcolm

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 March 2026 05:42
To: Stuart Malcolm
Subject: Re: Planning Objection DM/26/0238

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3 Western cottages, Henfield Road, Albourne, West Sussex BN6 9DR.

Thank you

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On 4 Mar 2026, at 15:01, Stuart Malcolm <stuart.malcolm@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Gail Murray

Thanks for the email, please however could you confirm your postal address so that the representation can be registered in accordance with our procedures.

Kind regards

Stuart

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Sent: 03 March 2026 08:26
To: Stuart Malcolm <stuart.malcolm@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Planning Objection DM/26/0238

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Date: 2 March 2026 at 5:18:31 pm GMT
To: stewart.malcolm@midsussex.gov.uk
Subject: Planning Objection DM/26/0238

Planning Officer

Mid Sussex District Council

Haywards Heath

Subject: Objection to Planning Application DM/26/0238

Dear Stewart Malcolm,

I am writing to formally object to planning application DM/26/0238.

I would like to say that I am not opposed to the principle of redeveloping the existing SEN school to provide improved and modernised educational facilities. Investment in specialist education provision is welcome and important.

However, I strongly object to the proposal to use the remaining land for the construction of approximately 210 additional houses. It is this scale of residential development, and its cumulative impact, that gives rise to serious planning concerns.

1. Environmental Impact and Loss of Habitat

The proposed housing development would result in significant further loss of natural habitat in and around Sayers Common. The area contains established greenfield land, trees, and hedgerows that contribute to biodiversity and wildlife corridors.

There have already been three new residential developments in the village, with a further commercial building about to commence. The cumulative effect of continued expansion risks irreversible ecological harm and habitat fragmentation.

The environmental impact of 210 additional dwellings cannot be considered minor and must be assessed in the context of overall growth in the village.

2. Flooding and Drainage Concerns

Sayers Common has existing surface water flooding and sewerage capacity issues. Residents have experienced drainage problems, and local infrastructure is already under strain.

Introducing 210 new dwellings will significantly increase hard surfacing and foul water output. Without guaranteed infrastructure upgrades, this development risks exacerbating flooding and sewer overload.

A robust and independently verified drainage and sewer capacity assessment is essential before any approval is considered.

3. Traffic Generation and Highway Safety

The cumulative traffic impact from recent developments has already increased vehicle movements within the village.

An additional 210 homes would generate substantial daily traffic, placing further strain on local roads and particularly on access to and from the nearby A23 junction. This junction carries high traffic volumes and presents safety challenges, especially at peak times.

The proposal should not be assessed in isolation. A full cumulative traffic impact assessment is necessary, taking into account all recent and committed developments.

Conclusion

While I support the redevelopment of the SEN school itself, the scale of the proposed residential development is excessive for Sayers Common and raises serious concerns regarding environmental harm, flooding risk, infrastructure capacity, and highway safety.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that planning application DM/26/0238 be refused, or at the very least significantly reduced in scale.

Yours faithfully,



Albourne

BN6 9DR

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