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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 09/11/2025 4:56 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. Amended transport plans, technical note and travel plan received on 15.08.2025. Amended drawings received on 16.10.2025.
Case Officer:	Rachel Richardson

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### Customer Details

Address:	The Old Vicarage Church Road 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 as a local resident of Turners Hill to formally lodge my objection to the proposed development at the site behind my house.

## 1. INSUFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Turners Hill is a village with limited infrastructure to support the current residents, let alone additional housing. The roads, parking, village amenities, and community services are already under strain. Introducing further dwellings without corresponding investment in the infrastructure is wholly unsustainable and will place an unfair burden on existing residents.

## 2. UNSAFE ACCESS AND HEAVY TRAFFIC

The use of Church Road as the site access is particularly troubling. That road is already a known accident hot-spot owing to the sheer volume of traffic and limited capacity. What should be a 6 minute journey to work can become an hour or more at peak times, especially given the growth of Tulleys Farm and the frequency of events there.

## 3. OBSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Church Road provides essential access for Turners Hill Fire Station, located at the heart of the village. Any increase in congestion or obstruction could delay emergency response times and restrict fire engines from entering or exiting safely. This poses a genuine risk to public safety and should be a major concern in assessing the proposal.

## 4. SITE ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

The addition of construction vehicles would make the situation beyond treacherous, especially for the nearby village primary school children and other pedestrian users. During the build phase, large lorries and construction traffic would be using narrow roads in a residential area. This presents far too great a risk to child safety and the general pedestrian environment.

## 5. LOSS OF WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HABITAT

The proposed site is home to a variety of wildlife. Building on it would cause destruction of natural habitat and further erode the green and rural character of our village. This is particularly regrettable given that Turners Hill lies in a conservation area on the ridge of the High Weald.

## 6. NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CHARACTER AND CHARM

The village has a particular charm and historic character which would be harmed by this development. The proposed development is not in keeping. It would be visible upon entering the village and would have a direct and adverse impact on the first impressions of Turners Hill. It would undermine the appearance,

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character and setting of the village and erode the sense of place which residents and visitors value.

In summary, while I appreciate the demand for housing, I believe that this proposed development is inappropriate in this location and would cause unacceptable and significant harm to highway safety, the natural environment and village character.

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Kind regards