

Steven King

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Sent: 16 April 2026 12:40
To: Steven King
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0682

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/04/2026 12:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Hurst Farm Hurstwood Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Reserved Matters Application Pursuant to Outline Planning Permission Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Reference: DM/25/1630, Lewes District Council (LDC) Reference: LW/2510707 at Hurst Farm, for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping only.
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: MSDC bought all the land east and west of Hurstwood Lane over 20 years ago from the Hospital for £226,000 in order to 'preserve the area'. Hurst Farm is synonymous with the history of Haywards Heath, with the Farm House being the oldest building in the area. Homes England bought all the land from MSDC for approx £30million with all the land east of Hurstwood Lane effectively at zero value 'agricultural land'.

The developments have been 'chaotic and catastrophic' with almost zero consultation/dialogue with the public/residents. Who has really looked at/visited Hurstwood Lane and Parcel4?? All the plans have been made up on the drawings boards in Guildford, with the occasional interference from the Planning Case Officer.

With the movement/demise of the Primary school, suddenly 80 houses are planned for Parcel 4. They have never been part of the Neighbourhood Plan, nor have any mandate from the public/residents of Haywards Heath. The Planning Dept pushed the MSDC approval through with "(quote) the overall impact on the wider landscape was acceptable" !! despite the catastrophic changes and impact on the Country Park concept. The statement is incredible. Other Council documents state that "new housing should enhance the quality of local places,

embrace local character and provide public and communal open space".

The nightmare continues if the route for cars/cycles/vehicles to access Parcel 4 houses from the Ring road:

- a. navigate the entry to Old Farm Close via traffic lights and pedestrian crossing
- b. navigate the junction with Hurstwood Lane and the exit to Parcel 1
- c. travel half-a-mile down Hurstwood Lane (parts being 12ft wide and ancient tree-lined)
- d. circle around the Cemetery (especially at night!!)
- e. travel up through the new proposed houses to no.385.

A total distance of almost one and half miles, and certainly contrary to supposed Government guidelines.

Hurstwood Lane is a rural 'country lane, often only 12 ft wide and not designed for traffic. Ancient woodland (mainly oak trees) line the road only inches away. Homes England have quietly and arbitrarily removed 6 to 8 large ancient trees in the middle section during the last six months without any approval.

When Ridgeway was built five years ago (north end of Hurstwood Lane) 10,000 forty ton trucks went up similarly narrow road and has caused major damage to drains and cables. How will Construction vehicles traverse Hurstwood Lane, when lorries are not permitted in the middle section and weight limits are in place??

The ancient woodland (Hursthouse Lane Wood) alongside Hurstwood Lane is surrounded by traffic on the west side and proposed housing on the east side. The Woodland Trust have specifically recommended a 30 yard buffer zone to the east side housing but have been disregarded. Please review??

The loss (?temporary) of the school is fundamental and should result in the cancellation of any housing that is proposed. The overbearing effect of the development is without doubt, 375 houses would have an oppressive effect on residents, and an intrusion to the countryside.

I plead for Councillors to represent their Residents and the town.

Kind regards