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To: "Martin Dale" <martin.dale@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2223

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 11:07 AM.

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: 6 Rockdene Close East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I have lived in or close to East Grinstead since 1976. I run a consultancy business with clients in the local area, Europe, and the USA. I have personal experience of the annual events which are planned to use the proposed facilities and their benefits to the local area. 1/ I have been quoted figures from an independent study which estimates the value of the largest annual event to the local economy to run to several millions each year. My own experience supports this as this October event allows an opportunity to meet contacts from France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy and elsewhere with whom I do business, and who come regularly for the event. These are business owners I have been meeting over the weekend of the event for upwards of 20 years. It is an important opportunity for my own business and to the local subcontractors I engage to service these clients. Without the event I would lose this regular touch point with clients and it is probable that over time their business would be attracted elsewhere. 2/ I have attended every IAS event since they began. They are invariably run with excellent planning and care. The only persistent problems have come from a lack of adequate parking space, which despite the best efforts of the organisers often results in fields churned to mud, often taking some months to recover. 3/ Despite sharing of parking facilities, other events (particularly at the rugby club) result in cars double-parked along a narrow country road carrying foot traffic from Saint Hill, the rugby club and the cricket/hockey club. It is eminently sensible that, as proposed, the facilities are expanded and shared. This offers a significant improvement for all these venues and patrons. 4/ I understand also that use of the field for parking is specifically for a limited calendar of agreed events by the Church, the Rugby Club, and the Cricket and Hockey clubs. Over the years I have attended all of these events, not just the Church events and I consider them a very important part of the fabric of the local community. These sports clubs provide excellent facilities to residents and visitors who must number in many thousands. Their showcase events are I understand also to be allowed to make use of the parking space. This will benefit the community by encouraging sports, fitness, and engagement.

5/ The mitigation measures included within the plan seem to offer not only a minimum level of lessening of environmental impact, but to go further and offer positive improvement to the area.

I urge the Council to approve the plan.

Kind regards