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Sent: 20 July 2026 19:35
To: Joseph Swift
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0073

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/07/2026 7:34 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	The erection of 42 new homes with access from West Hoathly Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works (Amended plans received).
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address:	
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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Mr Swift,

I am writing to submit a formal objection to the amended plans for DM/26/0073, now proposing 42 homes on land off West Hoathly Road. I have reviewed the Design & Access Addendum dated July 2026, as well as the updated plans and elevations published on the planning portal.

The Addendum is entirely design led and does not address any of the substantive technical, environmental, or policy concerns raised throughout the consultation process. My previous objections therefore remain fully valid and are strengthened by the fact that the amended scheme does not resolve any of the following issues.

1. Drainage and Surface Water Flooding
No updated drainage strategy or SuDS assessment has been provided. The LLFA's previous objection remains unaddressed. The Addendum refers only generically to "a drainage strategy utilising an appropriate Sustainable Drainage System including attenuation basins" (Design & Access Addendum, p.9), which is not a technical assessment.

2. Ancient Woodland Hydrology and Buffering

The Addendum acknowledges concern about woodland proximity ("We are concerned about the proximity of the proposed development to the priority woodland in the southern corner of the site" - p.6), but provides no hydrological assessment, no buffer justification, and no mitigation strategy. Minor reorientation of dwellings does not resolve the hydrological risks.

3. Ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain

No updated ecology report has been submitted. The Addendum refers only to "areas for ecological enhancement" (p.9), without any supporting evidence. Bat corridor fragmentation, woodland impacts, and BNG compliance remain unaddressed.

4. Heritage Harm (Dunnings Mill)

The Addendum claims that roofscape changes reduce visual impact on Dunnings Mill (p.19), but no updated heritage assessment has been provided. There is no evidence that the harm identified previously has been mitigated.

5. Highways Safety and Access

No updated highways technical note has been submitted. Visibility, pedestrian safety, and cumulative traffic impacts remain unresolved.

6. Affordable Housing Deliverability and Cascade Clause

The Addendum states that 13 affordable homes will be delivered (p.9), but provides no updated affordable housing statement, no viability assessment, and no justification for the proposed cascade clause. The risk of post permission tenure changes remains.

7. FOI Pre Application Advice

None of the issues raised in the FOI disclosure have been addressed. The Addendum does not reference pre application advice or explain how concerns raised at that stage have been resolved.

8. Density, Landscape Impact, and High Weald Character

The Addendum focuses on materials, roof forms, and street scenes. These are cosmetic changes. No updated landscape assessment has been provided. The reduction from 44 to 42 homes does not materially change the density or landscape impact.

9. Lack of Updated Technical Documentation

The planning portal shows numerous updated plans and elevations, but no updated technical reports. Without updated drainage, ecology, heritage, highways, or affordable housing documentation, the application cannot be properly assessed.

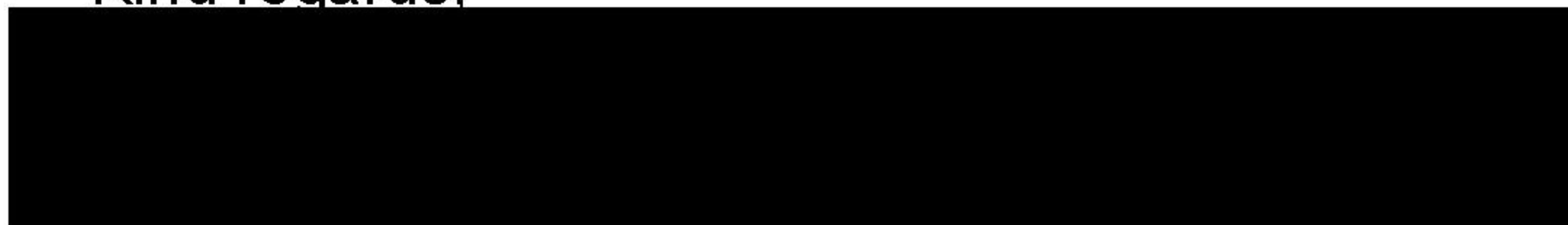
Conclusion

The amended plans represent a cosmetic redesign rather than a substantive response to the significant technical, environmental, and policy concerns raised throughout the consultation process.

I therefore request that:

- The application be referred to Planning Committee due to the scale, complexity, and unresolved issues.
- The application be refused unless and until updated technical assessments are provided and demonstrate that the development can be delivered without unacceptable harm.

Kind regards,



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