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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 30/06/2025 1:59 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.

**Case Officer:** Rachel Richardson

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### Customer Details

**Address:** Hillcrest Lion Lane Turners Hill

### Comments Details

**Commenter Type:** Neighbour or general public

**Stance:** Customer objects to the Planning Application

**Reasons for comment:**

**Comments:** I object to the development for the following reasons:  
1. Turners Hill is a historic village with a distinct rural character. The land at the rear of Lion Lane has long contributed to the open, green setting of the village, providing a vital buffer between the houses and the surrounding countryside. The proposed development would erode the village's identity, replacing a

cherished green space with an urban-style housing development out of character with a quaint English village.

2. The inclusion of a car park will generate significant noise and light pollution, harming the amenity of nearby residents and exposing them to vehicle noise, headlight glare, and anti-social disturbances late into the night. This is contrary to policies protecting residential amenity.

3. Turners Hill is not designed for high-volume traffic. The addition of 40+ households (likely 80+ vehicles) will cause severe congestion, particularly at peak times, and exacerbate existing safety concerns near Turners Hill School. The narrow, rural road network cannot accommodate this scale of development.

4. The orchard land has been informally used for decades by walkers, families, and wildlife enthusiasts. Its loss would deprive the community of a valuable green space, contrary to policies protecting open spaces that contribute to health and wellbeing.

5. The proposed housing would directly overlook existing gardens, causing unacceptable loss of privacy for residents. My rear windows would also directly overlook the proposed houses' gardens, which their residents would not appreciate and start demanding frosted window glass and screening, resulting in high fencing being erected and a total loss of the openness of countryside.

6. Some properties on Lion Lane are high above the Lane due to the natural incline of the land and rely on rear access via the orchard for maintenance, bulky deliveries, and emergency services. The development would block this access, causing undue hardship to existing residents.

7. The orchard land supports wildlife and biodiversity (including endangered house martins and swifts), which the proposed construction would destroy.

8. My property (Hillcrest) is at the top of the hill. The proposed development with its impermeable surfaces may alter natural water drainage patterns, increase surface water runoff and potentially destabilise the hillside over time leading to subsidence of the elevated section where my house is located.

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Kind regards