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Sent: 21 February 2026 10:12:03 UTC+00:00
To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/3129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/02/2026 10:12 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 125 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	28 Fairfield Way Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We object to the proposal to build 120 houses on farmland off Balcombe Road opposite Penland Estate. This area is already under heavy pressure, and adding a development of this size would create serious and avoidable risks. The Balcombe Road is heavily congested, and at busy times it's genuinely difficult and unsafe to cross on foot or to turn right onto the road.

The zebra crossing at the bottom of the road is already a danger point, with cars regularly driving straight over it, especially those accelerating out of the Bridge Road industrial estate after waiting for a gap in traffic, or turning right out of Barnmead. Increasing traffic from another 120 homes will only make this worse and raises the likelihood of a serious accident.

Local water and sewerage services have suffered more failures in the past two years than ever before. The Penland Farm development has already pushed these systems to their limits. Adding more housing without major upgrades will simply increase the number of failures residents are already experiencing.

Schools are stretched, and getting a doctor's appointment is increasingly difficult. New families in Haywards Heath are now having to send their children to schools that require a daily car journey.

Town-centre parking is regularly difficult, and the Sainsbury's car park has become increasingly hazardous due to the volume of cars and shoppers. Another large development will make this situation even worse.

The proposed site is productive farmland and part of the last remaining green buffer around Haywards Heath. Once it is built on, it is gone for good.

Given the existing safety issues, failing infrastructure, and overstretched local services, this development is not suitable for the Balcombe Road area and should be refused on safety grounds.

Kind regards