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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 20/02/2026 2:40 PM.

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

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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I object to the development of 125 dwellings adjacent to the built up boundary of Haywards Heath and within the high weald area. This application is within the Ansty and Staplefield Parish, rural settlements and this proposal will not bring any benefit to the area but irreversibly destroy its visual qualities and the natural habitat and woodland. DP16 a policy to protect the highweald landscapes natural features

The area is close to a working farm whose rights of access and work must be protected. This farm is part of this rural area and economic character of mid Sussex .

The high weald in this site incorporates ancient woodland, hedges and mature trees that link to the high ridge of Borde hill estate and beyond and is rich with wildlife and other species. This proposal will go against DP37 and DP38 by severing an ecological connection. Even if the developers keep the trees the building will be too close and cause root damage within the development phase. The value of the high weald will be lost.

The site plan doesn't fit with the District plan regarding resilience of transport network (DP21) :

- 1, no cycle routes that connect safely to the balcombe road
2. no pavements along the balcombe road from the exit point.
- 3 no public transport
4. unsafe walking route and quite a distance to the nearest bus stop.
5. totally reliant on cars going against net zero policy
6. Too remote for children to safely walk to the station or Haywards heath
- 7 too remote and lack of safe surfaces for wheelchair users
8. increase in heavy traffic along the Balcombe road.

Flood risk is a high possibility as the site area is in the ghyll (steep slope to basin). This is a natural feature of the high weald and water runs off into this area, hence its' boggy state in winter. A large scale building site will result in flooding unless SUDS is in place. However, south east water are against any trees being near or inline with any suds or sewage work. Will this mean more trees will be felled? The need for a few balancing ponds for water capture will be required and this shows that the area is not appropriate for development. (DP41).

I have tried not to repeat the same message as other objectors, although i do agree with them. Let's have houses in the right place, not this site.

Kind regards