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To: "Tracie Axford" <tracie.axford@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2104

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 28/08/2025 9:42 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	50 Hurst Road Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9NL
Proposal:	Retrospective application for the erection of a new front boundary wall and entry gate
Case Officer:	Tracie Axford

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Customer Details

Address:	Crossways Belmont Lane Hassocks
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to object to the retrospective planning application for the 2-metre high brick wall erected adjacent to Hurst Road. This wall is wholly inappropriate for the location for the following reasons: Visual Intrusion & Poor Design The structure is stark, unattractive, and of poor design quality. Its oppressive height and bland, utilitarian brickwork are entirely out of keeping with the surrounding street scene, which is

characterised by attractive boundary hedges, greenery, lower boundary walls running the entire length of Hurst Road and Wickham Hill. The wall has no architectural merit, taste, or style and creates an eyesore on a prominent and busy highway.

Failure to Harmonise with Local Character

Planning policy requires that new development respects and enhances the character of the area. According to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Section 127, developments should be visually attractive, sympathetic to local character, and contribute positively to the street scene. This wall does the opposite: it fails to integrate with its surroundings, disrupts the continuity of the street, and introduces an incongruous, fortress-like appearance.

Oppressive and Overbearing Impact

At 2 metres high, the wall is overbearing in scale. It dominates the streetscape and has a visually oppressive impact on both passers-by and neighbouring properties. It reduces openness and creates an oppressive environment, contrary to NPPF Section 130, which requires that developments not harm the amenity of the area.

Incompatibility with Local Planning Policies

The wall fails to comply with local planning and design policies, such as Policy D1 - High Quality Design that require development to respect context, enhance the public realm, and maintain a harmonious streetscape.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to refuse retrospective planning permission and require removal or replacement with a more suitable boundary treatment that reflects the character of the area and contributes positively to the streetscape.

Yours faithfully,
Graeme Collins

Kind regards