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Sent: 09 February 2026 17:08:02 UTC+00:00
To: "Rachel Richardson" <rachel.richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 09/02/2026 5:08 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	42 Hurst Road Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9NL
Proposal:	Subdivision of the existing residential plot to create 2no residential dwellings, alongside retention of existing dwelling. Amended drawings received on 26.01.2026.
Case Officer:	Rachel Richardson

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Customer Details

Address:	Silver Trees, 27, Hurst Road Hassocks
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>Further to the recent amendments to the planning application at 42 Hurst Road, we would like to make clear that our objections to the two additional properties at the site, are still very much a concern.</p> <p>Our understanding is that Hurst Road is situated in the countryside, within the protected Hassocks/Hurstpierpoint Gap. The addition of these proposed properties contravenes Policy 1 of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan which aims to keep a strategic</p>

local gap between Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint.
The addition of the smaller architecturally different house, also

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goes against Policy 9 of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan that states that developments should respect the character and scale of the surrounding buildings and also contribute to the character of the area.

Hurst Road is predominantly made up of larger houses with established trees, hedges and gardens. These all help to support local wildlife, including deer, owls, buzzards etc. Allowing properties to be built to the rear of gardens sets a precedent for future developments along the road and may subsequently affect the character of the area. We believe the above contravenes a number of policies that form the Mid Sussex District Plan, including:

DP12 - Protection and Enhancement of Countryside

DP26 - Character and Design

DP38 - Biodiversity

The development at number 36 has already significantly changed the street scene of Hurst Road and this new proposal for 2 additional properties at number 42 can only be seen to have a negative impact on the landscape of the road.

Kind regards