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To: "Joanne Fisher" <joanne.fisher@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/06/2025 1:52 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land At Foxhole Farm Foxhole Lane Bolney West Sussex

Proposal: Outline application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved), for the erection of up to 200 residential dwellings, including affordable housing; a community building (use class F1) encompassing land for education provision, together with associated access, ancillary parking and landscaping; the creation of a vehicular access point from the A272 Cowfold Road, and pedestrian and cycle only access to The Street; and creation of a network of roads, footways, and cycleways through the site; together with the provision of countryside open space, children's play areas, community orchard, and allotments; sustainable drainage systems and landscape buffers.

Case Officer: Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address: 25 Roc Brighton

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I grew up in Bolney, attended nursery, Bolney school, Youth Club, Cricket Club and more from 1993-2009. My parents still live in the village and my child will soon attend nursery school there.

I have a deep understanding of the community, geography, services and working of the village. I therefore must object on a number of grounds to planning issues related to the size and location of this development:

- 200 homes in a village of this size is totally unreasonable. It far outweighs the fair amount outlined in the village development plans and feels like the village is being sacrificed for local and national targets.

- This would increase the size of the village proper but around 80% (250ish existing) and yet includes zero plans for increased village service - schools, transport, shops, etc. All of which, bar the primary school, are practically non-existent in the village.

- The village school cannot accommodate the new students, therefore the majority of new families will have no choice but to drive to nearby towns putting a large strain on the roads

- Foxhole lane is woefully insufficient as access to a development this size. It's 1 car width for almost half of the length of the road.

- Where Foxhole lane joins onto the A272 is a known hotspot of traffic accidents, 3 serious accidents have happened at this spot in the last 25 years. With a further 16, including 2 deaths within 1km this spot on this road (500m either way).

- The planning application references "550 cycling spaces" yet this isn't a serious travel solution for anyone as the geography of the location would put cyclists directly out onto the busy A272.

Therefore this is unsustainable and unsafe.

As a village we recognise the need for housing, particularly affordable houses, for young families which make the community what is it. There are a number of other sites which would be far more suitable.

I therefore can't understand why this is the development being considered. It represents nothing more than a money grab for the landowner and developers. Nothing in the plan makes sense, and the village quite rightly is very angry at the thought on this decision being made without due consideration being given for current and future villagers.

Kind regards