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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1186

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/05/2026 11:54 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Selsfield Road Ardingly West Sussex
Proposal:	Reserved Matters application for consideration of consider all outstanding matters (layout, scale, landscaping and appearance) in respect of outline planning permission DM/22/1575 (and the subsequent variation of conditions 2 and 11 through permission DM/23/3250).
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address: 2 The Poplars Street Lane, Ardingly

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I strongly object to this application to go ahead. This open green space is used by a lot of people on a daily basis for recreational walks, children riding their bikes, families coming up and enjoying the safe area to allow their children to play, walk and exercise with or without their pets. It is an invaluable open area during the very wet weather when most of the local walks are not passable due to ground surface conditions being very slippery, especially for the

older residents, disable residents and visitors to the space. A survey carried out on the proposed site in May 2023 from 8 different locations around the site, showed that the space supports 30 different species of flora and 24 different species of large fauna including protected bats species and birds of prey, not including micro, mice, voles, ants, spiders, worms, woodlice etc which would increase the species count considerably. An online survey asking what those who use the space and would lose it thought the impact of building these houses would have on the village and surrounding area including pressure on utilities, road congestion, pollution and air quality, out of the 27 who responded, 37.1% stated that they thought the impact would be of high, 51.9% thought the impact would be medium and 11.1% thought it would be low. Thirteen different reasons were cited by those surveyed on the impact of the housing to the environment, this included Loss:- (Loss of habitat and biodiversity, Increased pollution locally) - 90%, (Loss of species of plant and animals found within the area) - 60%, (Loss of green recreational space) - 85%, (Increased traffic congestion, Increased air pollution, Increased noise, Strain on local infrastructure ie schools, medical facilities, transport services) - 60%, None- 0%, Increase risk of flooding - 30%, Loss of carbon storage 20%, Reduced Welfare 30%, Don't know - 0%. These figures can't be ignored and need to be taken into consideration as the survey from the individuals who use the space is important.

The increase of traffic from residential houses would require a new road layout to be implemented on a very tight area of geology as the entrance is just beyond the Ardingly village signs, where the road narrows, due to the nature of the underlying sediments/rocks and houses build on the road around the proposed entrance which would put more strain on the traffic entering the village via the north and leaving the village heading north as is the situation during show times, the proposed entrance is very congested causing traffic to sit idling and increasing pollution, residents leaving. The local school St Peters would not be able to manage 35 extra households if they all had children under the age of 11 and the infrastructure for secondary schools is not in place, neither for doctors nor dentists for an increase of 35 family homes. The internet, water supply and electricity to the village is not sufficient to support that many more dwellings, a huge difference was noted in these supplies when Monks Meadow was built in 2016/17.

Kind regards