

Stuart Malcolm

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Sent: 01 March 2026 18:41
To: Stuart Malcolm
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0238

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/03/2026 6:41 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	LVS Hassocks London Road Sayers Common Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9HT
Proposal:	Hybrid application that seeks consent for separate and severable elements comprising: Demolition of all existing buildings bar the chapel, to retained for use within Use Class F and: a) Full planning permission for the development of the north western part of the Land at LVS Hassocks so as to accommodate a new SEN School with associated access from London Road, car parking, landscaping and drainage works; and b) Outline planning permission (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale Reserved) for the development of the rest of the land at LVS Hassocks so as to accommodate up to 210 dwellinghouses (including 30% affordable housing) with associated access, car parking, landscaping, play areas, informal outdoor space and drainage works
Case Officer:	Stuart Malcolm

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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:	Sayers common is a small rural village with a lovely village feel and beautiful countryside surrounding it. It wasn't ever designed to become a town and should not be forced into one. It has already had a lot of development in recent times with over 300 houses in Sayers Meadow, behind Dunlop Close which now causes flooding on Reeds Lane due to the fact that the land on Sayers Meadow was a flood plain and should not have been built on in the first place. Then there are new houses on the old brick works being built and suddenly three more large possible sites which want planning permission including this LVS site, which is going to destroy the village feel and hundreds and hundreds of acres of green spaces used by dog walkers, ramblers and local people to help with their general well-being from children to pensioners. The beautiful country pathways will be concreted over and all round them and horse riders, dog

walkers, ramblers and local people just wanting a countryside walk for their own well-being will all suffer if these green spaces are allowed to be concreted over. If you do keep the public rights of way, who wants to walk through a housing estate! ?

The drainage in Sayers Common can't cope already as I touched on above. Southern water are already aware of this and have tried to make things better but they are not perfect at all still now. How can the drains take more people flushing toilets, washing clothes and dishes and running water for showers and the such like from all of these new houses? Plus there is all of the run off from the land you want to build on. This land currently soaks up water and the trees/plants too which currently use the rain water. If this awful proposal is built it will now just run off this newly concreted land into the road and drains. Where will all that water go and how will southern water deal with that? The fields are already sodden and puddled deeply in winter. This land isn't designed to be concreted on, the local area needs run off / flood areas to hold heavy rain and stop problems passed on down the chain, like into Reeds Lane, Sayers Meadow, Dunlop Close and who knows where else!

On the subject of water the local reservoirs are struggling to support Sussex as a whole, look at the near emergency measures that nearly had to come into force this 2025-2026 winter because Arlington reservoir became dangerously low. Hose pipe bans only got lifted in February 2026! Where do you expect the new water to come from for all of these new houses? It just isn't being through at all.

The roads infrastructure locally will not be able to cope with all the new people and vehicles either. Reeds lane is not far from a single track road, modern cars are so wide compared to the 1950/1960s and they will not be shrinking anytime soon and it is tight for two cars to pass in places. Plus it floods every year quite badly when we have long spells of rain. London road, running through Sayers Common was not built for so many new roads joining it. Recently we have had Wintergreen Way built next to Furzeland Way which now means there are even more cars flowing through the already congested London Road and having to turn into and off a busy road. There is always a bottle neck where the North Star Car Garage is and with more traffic and visitors that will get worse and worse causing queues South, back down London road towards Albourne.

This green space on and around LVS supports many many habitats from small insects which are vital to keep all other levels of the food chain in a level and steady position through to wild birds and mammals of all sizes. This land has trees of hundreds of years old within it and should never be destroyed. The government and the news is constantly telling us how we need to be "green" and we need to "save the planet" and our trees are so important to the worlds stability going forward. So how can any council agree to chopping down hundreds of acres of wildlife habitats and trees and replacing it with concrete? It is going totally against the advice given from all scientists and almost all governments across the world. This should NOT be allowed.

Within this site there is an already perfectly functioning school with great access and a coffee shop, nothing needs to change at all. There is a beautiful old Georgian white building called Kingsland House which should be saved without fail, I would say this old Georgian building should get a Listed Building status, not destroyed for ever more. This site has so much history from the original pig farm, the old Oast House, which was a church to the nuns who used to live there who cared for the community so much. LVS is a massive organisation with sites all over the country don't be fooled by the offer of a Special Educational needs label, they are a massive corporation now a kind and caring school. Don't let our local history and charming old buildings be destroyed!

Finally we have Twineham School, just a stones thrown away which the council have confirmed will shut at the end of the academic year, so I we have 200+ houses with maybe, let's say 100 children where will they all go? Albourne school couldn't take them all for sure.

It's all been dreadfully planned and definitely should NOT be allowed for all of the above reasons. None of the application should go through at all.

Kind regards