

## Sarah Valentine

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**From:** planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 08 January 2025 16:13  
**To:** planninginfo  
**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application  
DM/24/2409

## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/01/2025 4:13 PM.

### Application Summary

Address: Slaugham Garden Nursery Staplefield Road Slaugham Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6AG

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Proposal: Proposed conversion of barn to residential use to create 1 2-bedroom dwelling. Removal of existing hardstanding and landscaping.

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Case Officer: Katherine Williams

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### Customer Details

Address: Furnace Pond Cottage Slaugham Haaywards Heath

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### Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

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Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Ms Williams,  
The application DM/24/2409 to covert the barn at Slaugham Garden Nursery into a residential dwelling is clearly in contravention of the policies set out in both the MidSussex District Plan 2014-31 and the Slaugham Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Objections to development on this site, in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and in a completely unsustainable location, have been well rehearsed in earlier applications and are still completely relevant to this application.

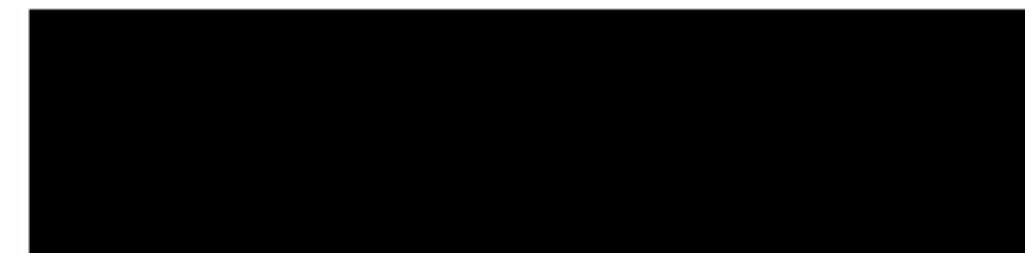
The only merits that the applicant appears to offer is that the proposal would improve a currently very untidy site, and the Government guidance that any development which is sustainable should go ahead. On the first issue, the applicant is entirely responsible for the state of the site, and should not be rewarded for allowing such an eyesore in a beautiful location. Despite the ruling by your council in 12/02876/LDC that the site could NOT be used for the storage of plant, materials and equipment by a groundwork contractor, that is exactly what the applicant has continued to do. If this application is refused, please would you ensure that there is enforcement of the ruling and this unlawful use of the site ceases or a prosecution

is put in train.

The attempt to argue that the site is sustainable fails on all counts: The applicant states that the site has "good proximity to an existing settlement, albeit one with limited services and facilities". The only facilities available in Slaugham are St Mary's Church, and a Michelin starred restaurant which is now only occasionally open. That does not constitute sustainability in relation to health, education, shopping, transport or any other services.

Please reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

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Kind regards