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**To:** "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application  
DM/25/3129

## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/02/2026 12:01 PM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Proposal:     | Outline planning application for the erection of up to 125 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access. |
| Case Officer: | Steven King                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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### Customer Details

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| Address: | 10 Orchard Way Haywards Heath |
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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Comments:            | As a long time resident of Haywards Heath, a d current resident of Orchard Way whose plot overlooks the land under threat, I wish to object to the proposed development. This land is totally unsuitable for development for many reasons and more housing would have a devastating effect on the local area and local residents.<br>The current landscape is a vital habitat for wildlife. We have deer and other animals including bats, kestrels and other birds of prey and a wide range of wild life that would be lost. We have already |

witnessed the impact of building since the Penland Farm development took place.

Penland Farm has caused problems with the water table surrounding our property. We now have an underground stream under part of our garden which is having a detrimental effect and which also effects our neighbours properties, causing winter and summer flooding. We also believe that a Roman road crosses part of our garden and this should be investigated. Development on Sugworth Farm which is on higher ground will have a detrimental impact on all our properties.

We were given an undertaking by the Penland Farm developers that there would be no further development until 2034 at the earliest!

Hanlye Lane, BordeHill Lane , Copyhold Lane and Balcombe Road are already unsafe with frequent accidents. Local residents face real danger walking to schools and shops. Local roads were not constructed to take current levels of traffic, increased volumes would be completely unsustainable. We already have serious tailbacks during peak times. and we are currently experiencing closure of Hanlye Lane for 4 weeks, causing long delays and diversions. 125 additional properties will be the straw that broke the camels back.

Local infrastructure cannot meet current demands with schools and doctors oversubscribed.

In 2016 MSDC did not consider this area suitable for development and nothing has changed in the meantime to justify this proposal. Another landscape report in 2022 said that even 60 houses would cause major harm to the AONB and character of the local countryside. It is important to maintain a green buffer of open space or the area will be totally destroyed.

We have had bats in our loft for a number of years, the noise and damage building would cause to the environment cannot be overstated.

The noise from the Penland Farm development went on for years and disturbed our sleeping and enjoyment of the outdoors which is crucial for health and well being.

We are fortunate in having beautiful trees around us, losing them would be catastrophic.

There are still many properties unsold on the Northern Arc development nearby and brown field sites still to be converted without attacking beautiful Sussex country side.

For all the above reasons I object strongly to this application and request that the council listen to local people and refuse this development

The character of this attractive area must be protected for us and future generations.

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Kind regards