

Steven King

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Sent: 06 May 2026 22:39
To: Steven King
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 06/05/2026 10:39 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex

Proposal: Outline planning application for the erection of up to 117 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access. (Amended plans and supporting statements received 15th April reducing the number of proposed dwellings to up to 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout).

Case Officer: Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: Chilling Street Cottage Chilling Street Sharpthorne

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I have lived in Sussex my whole life - in the areas of mainly Haywards & Cuckfield, that is 20 years altogether. I still travel through the Borde Hill/Hanlye Lane area regularly and so, looking at the proposed planning, I completely object to this new application from the developers on the following points:-

- The scale is wrong. 117 houses is still nearly double the 60 that the council's own draft plan suggested. The developer has not justified why so many more are needed.
- Landscape harm remains. The independent landscape report found that even 60 houses would cause major harm to the High Weald National Landscape. 117 is nearly double that.
- Heritage harm is unresolved. The MSDC Conservation Officer has confirmed the site makes a strong contribution to the setting of Grade II listed Sugworth Farmhouse. The developer has not convincingly avoided or minimised this harm. Under national planning policy, this must be given great weight.

- Flooding is still deferred, not solved. The application relies on drainage systems yet to be designed. Critical flood risk issues have been pushed to later stages rather than resolved now. The development of Penland Green has already made flooding worse in Orchard Way and surrounding roads - this will make it worse still.
- Water supply cannot cope. There is no plan to increase water supply capacity to serve this development, and even if there were, it would take years to deliver.
- Schools are full. West Sussex County Council has confirmed local schools do not have capacity. S106 contributions do not guarantee school places will be delivered in time.
- Roads cannot cope. Local roads are narrow and already at or near capacity. The roundabout, despite being slightly smaller, remains urbanising and out of character with the surrounding rural road network.
- The site is still not in the current District Plan. Applying for Outline Planning Permission before the site is even confirmed in the District Plan is an attempt to get a foot in the door.

Yours faithfully

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Kind regards