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To: "Martin Dale" <martin.dale@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2223

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 9:57 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Juhring And Hobbs Field At Saint Hill Manor Saint Hill Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	Change of use of vacant land to event area for use with installation of permanent infrastructure and reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) to facilitate the erection of annual marquee structures including ground level alterations, wash block and toilets, generator enclosure and concrete ring together with the erection and dismantling of the temporary marquee structure themselves (for a total maximum period of 84 days per year) and overflow car parking for the Church and neighbouring sports clubs consisting of reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) for up to 683 car spaces (comprising up to 113 cars (Area A) for no more than 30 days per annum, 313 cars (Areas A & B) for no more than 13 days per year and up to 683 cars (Areas A, B & C) for no more than 7 days per year), construction of a new access and internal road, sustainable surface water and foul drainage provision, associated landscaping and ecological enhancements, (Amended Description, Plans, Documents)
Case Officer:	Martin Dale

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Customer Details

Address: The Book Shop Tudor House 22 High Street East Grinstead West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	There has been a long standing need to improve the infrastructure in this part of East Grinstead for many years now. The proposed application will address this need. It will enhance the Church's capacity to host its annual international gathering, which includes a well-attended charity concert that raises funds for a range of local charitable organisations. The inclusion of a dedicated car park will significantly improve access for the thousands of attendees who participate in the Church's established family-oriented community events throughout the year, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Bonfire Night, and Christmas celebrations. Importantly, the car park will also be made freely available to visitors of the neighbouring Rugby and Sports Clubs. This shared use will help reduce verge-side parking along nearby roads, improving both traffic flow and pedestrian safety, while supporting broader community engagement across multiple local organisations. The plan is professional, well thought through, and addresses environmental and biodiversity issues, following best practice. Approval will undoubtedly deliver a marked improvement on the current state of affairs. Granting approval for this application will support the continued positive economic contribution of the Church to the local area. The events hosted by the Church attract significant visitor numbers, generating increased footfall that benefits nearby hotels, hospitality venues, and retail businesses, all of which will benefit significantly if these events are facilitated and continue to grow. Similarly the charitable giving these events generate should not be underestimated, the gala event alone last year gave £50,000 to local charities. Planning approval for this development should help to secure future charitable giving, especially important at a time when so many charities are struggling to raise funds. Furthermore, approval will greatly help to improve the smooth running of all the events, and enhance the community activity to the benefit of the thousands of people who attend. Neither should the community spirit engendered by said events be underestimated.

The Church has a proven track record of positive, professional and charitable development and I would strongly urge the Planning Committee to pass this application in its entirety.

Kind regards