

Stuart Malcolm

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Sent: 09 January 2026 19:04
To: Stuart Malcolm
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1434

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/01/2026 7:03 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Rear Of Chesapeake Reeds Lane Sayers Common Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9JG
Proposal:	Proposed demolition of an existing dwelling house, stables and barn buildings and the proposed development of 27 dwellings, with a new vehicular access, associated landscaping, parking, open space, and all other associated development works. (Amended plans, FRA and Drainage Strategy and TA Addendums received 12/12/25)
Case Officer:	Stuart Malcolm

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Customer Details

Address:	La Massana Reeds Lane Sayers Common
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>I am objecting to the proposal at this site for the following reasons:</p> <p>Traffic: Reeds Lane has and continues to become increasingly busy over the years. My family and I already have trouble leaving our property due to the amount and the speed of the vehicles racing down the Lane. Only the other day, I had reversed out into the Lane- was about to straighten my car to proceed -only to find a van didn't wait for me ,drove onto the pavement and nearly into my drive so he could continue his journey at a pace that suited him. This was clearly a dangerous situation for both of us. Incidences like this are becoming more frequent and drivers are becoming frustrated and impatient . This is a country Lane that drivers are using as a A road.</p> <p>Over the last 18 months, residents in the vicinity have very sadly lost 5 cats on Reeds Lane - this must surely be a disproportionate amount given the level of housing here. Why should we have to restrict having cats as pets or suffer such loss just because the council refuse to acknowledge that there is a already a big problem with traffic on Reeds Lane. To add even more houses is just madness and offers local residents nothing.</p>

We used to be able to walk safely down the Lane for recreational reasons - but we don't any more due to the dangers we face as pedestrians. We thought the council were supposed to be encouraging sustainability and active travel in their District plans but allowing this development and other developments on Reeds Lane these concepts remain just concepts.

Flooding and Surface water: It is well documented that Sayers Common as a whole and Reeds Lane have real problems with surface water . I am genuinely concerned about the impact of flooding on the properties around this area if there were to be properties built here. I believe there is an old spring under the grounds at the front of this proposed site and if you walk around the back of this property there is always surface water in the fields-even in the prolonged hot summers. What are the plans to mitigate this?

Infrastructure: There is no infrastructure to support more housing in Sayers Common and even if there is in the future, Sayers Common as a village will no longer exist - it will be just another estate. It is my understanding that Councils are supposed to protect the character of a village , when considering this proposal- please respect this. I understand the need for more housing but please also respect the needs of the existing residents too.

Any housing development in and around Sayers Common should be considered as a whole comprehensive plan so that the area becomes a pleasant place to live which is cohesive and works together. I can not see how this development is part of any comprehensive plan. It is just another group of houses.

I hope that you will listen to residents and not approve this proposal.

Kind regards