

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/09/2025 8:29 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Juhring And Hobbs Field At Saint Hill Manor Saint Hill Road East
Grinstead West Sussex

Proposal: Hard paved car park with 121 spaces and toilet facilities adjacent to Saint Hill Road. Hard paved access road servicing both Juhring and Hobbs fields. Engineered grass surfaced provision of 619 spaces for temporary parking for specific events in Juhring field. Re-contouring of Hobbs field with grassed surface and provision of permanent pads for a marquee together with washroom facilities and substation with backup generator.

Case Officer: Andrew Watt

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Good evening,

I'm writing to add my comments on application DM/25/2223. I have previously spent time in and around the area of Saint Hill Manor and as such, I am familiar with the location.

This application centres around building facilities for large events on the Church of Scientology premises. During these events, there is significant traffic along Saint Hill Road, which increases risk to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. While I recognise that a new entrance to the car park is being considered in this application, my worry is that even with this, the road may be overwhelmed by the large volumes of cars this car park is set to hold. In addition, noise pollution may be a disturbance to local residents, especially given how cars may exit and leave the car park at night. To make the area safer, greater lighting/paving etc. may be required which could

detract from the rural nature of the site, as well as having an impact on the environment in its construction.

By adding these facilities to the Saint Hill property, I fear that using the fields as a large event space will cause more harm than good, especially with a likely increase in events that are already held on the site. Rather than building these facilities in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which may set a precedent for further construction on the site, it would make more sense for these large scale events to be held elsewhere where these facilities are already present and construction could be avoided.

Therefore, I would urge the Council to reject this application.