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To: "Joanne Fisher" <joanne.fisher@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/06/2025 3:31 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land At Foxhole Farm Foxhole Lane Bolney West Sussex

Proposal: Outline application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved), for the erection of up to 200 residential dwellings, including affordable housing; a community building (use class F1) encompassing land for education provision, together with associated access, ancillary parking and landscaping; the creation of a vehicular access point from the A272 Cowfold Road, and pedestrian and cycle only access to The Street; and creation of a network of roads, footways, and cycleways through the site; together with the provision of countryside open space, children's play areas, community orchard, and allotments; sustainable drainage systems and landscape buffers.

Case Officer: Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address: Bee House Earwig Lane Bolney

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

As a young couple, we naturally support sustainable new housing however we are strongly opposed to the proposed plan in respect of new housing in our village, Bolney. It is clear to us that the proposal lacks substance and proportionality given the situation in the village at present or our views on plans for the future. We have been very concerned at the lack of engagement and poor communication.

This proposal is against both the spirit and the letter of our village plan and if accepted would set us on a path to community disintegration, destruction of an ancient, rural sussex village and ultimately, the risk of human life. Aside from the fact that we regularly have power and water failures due to an already creaking and ancient utility infrastructure , we have hardly any public transport or other amenities which would be expected of a village of our size or location, let alone of the proposed increased size! In the few years we've lived in the village we've noticed a marked increase in reckless driving from motorists , many seeking to bypass the choked traffic on the A272. We ourselves struggle with daily traffic jams and delays (mainly caused by commercial haulage) and sadly no alternative as the A272 is not safe for cyclists. We've heard and witnessed several very near misses in recent months; our country lanes are used by pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders and a growing number of children who have to use the lanes to get around the village, as there are no pedestrian-safe alternatives other than walking in the road. With virtually no public transport and certainly no viable pedestrian routes to shops or other expected amenities, I cannot understand how this proposal is even being considered given the appalling state of traffic and the amount of pollution in and around the village, which is only getting worse.

There is no need for an educational centre - we need more school places! As hopeful parents, we are alarmed to hear that children are being turned away from our local school. We do not need an orchard or educational centre - we have several orchards and a vineyard but are also surrounded by ancient woodland with much precious flora and fauna besides. This is a sop from a developer who lacks imagination but most egregiously, any understanding of life in our village, the needs of its villagers or the real harm that will be inflicted should this proposal go ahead. Our elected representatives must channel the views of their constituents and I call on the Council to do the only logical and sensible course of action: quash this proposal as you've done previously, and for which their is ample precedent.

Kind regards