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Sent: 16 March 2026 14:18:47 UTC+00:00
To: "Rachel Richardson" <rachel.richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0412

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/03/2026 2:18 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Barrington House Portsmouth Wood Drive Lindfield Haywards
Heath West Sussex RH16 2DW

Proposal: Proposed ground mounted PV solar panels

Case Officer: Rachel Richardson

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Customer Details

Address: Middle Barrington 10 Barrington Wood Lindfield

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Application DM/26/0412 - Barrington House,
Portsmouth Wood Drive, Lindfield

I wish to object to the above planning application.

My principal concern relates to the siting of the proposed solar panel installation on the sloping bank above the shared parking area and neighbouring garages. My garage is located directly

beneath this area. The introduction of a large array of panels in this position has the potential to alter the way rainwater currently drains down the bank. The panels themselves would act as impermeable surfaces and could concentrate water run-off downslope. The application does not appear to include any drainage assessment or explanation of how surface water from the panels will be managed, and this raises concerns about the potential for water to be directed toward the parking area and adjacent garages.

The location of the proposal also appears unnecessarily prominent. The bank sits above a wall and forms a visible feature when approaching and entering Barrington Wood. Installing a row of ground-mounted panels and supporting frames on this raised slope would introduce a clearly visible structure within what is currently a landscaped bank. Because the ground already rises above the level of the road and parking area, the tilted panels and mounting frames may appear considerably higher when viewed from below than suggested by the drawings.

It is also unclear whether the scale of the installation is proportionate to the needs of a single dwelling, as the application provides no technical information explaining the number of panels proposed.

In addition, there appears to be other space within the applicant's garden that would be far less visible from surrounding properties and the street, including the terrace area enclosed by the driveway. Locating the panels in a more contained part of the garden would significantly reduce their wider visual impact.

For these reasons I believe the proposal raises concerns relating to siting, drainage and visual impact, and I respectfully request that the application be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Bourne
Middle Barrington
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Kind regards