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To: "Rachel Richardson" <rachel.richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/03/2026 1:36 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: 6 Barrington Wood Lindfield Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I wish to object to the above application on the following planning grounds

Appearance and impact:

Barrington House is considered to be a non-designated heritage asset. The property was originally built during the Edwardian period and has since been converted into three separate dwellings, namely Barrington House, East Barrington and 10 Barrington Wood.

The setting and visual impact of the proposed development will

detrimentally affect the neighbouring area, particularly the original Barrington House, and the neighbouring properties.

The proposed area to be developed is in fact an important part of the original garden and established vegetation of the original Barrington House.

A previous planning application, Reference DM 20 30632 was refused by Mid Sussex planning department and also subsequently on Appeal.

The conservation officer in this case commented that the 'grounds should be left to reflect how the house was once situated '. This proposal will also permanently damage the verdant character of the location of Barrington House and the adjacent dwellings.

The proposed development will be sited on a high bank which will be very intrusive, particularly when viewed from the much lower street level of the adjacent properties in Barrington Wood.

It is the first visible area of the grounds of Barrington House, as viewed on the approach to the applicant's property, and all of the properties in Barrington Wood.

Scale:

It is difficult to understand the scale of the proposed development as the information provided by the applicant is contradictory and lacks key details.

Drawing number B.035.25.02 shows 22 ground mounted solar panels covering the entire site, whereas drawing number B.035.25.01 shows 20 solar panels covering a smaller area of the site.

However - the applicant has already cut down all vegetation on a smaller part of this site, which does not correspond to either of the plans provided.

The precise scale and site coverage of the development cannot therefore be determined.

Design:

No technical information has been provided as to the finished height of the proposed structure, nor the dimensions of the individual solar panels, nor the angle of the panels' slope. It is therefore impossible to precisely determine the visual impact of the development on the surrounding area.

In any case, the completed structure will be visually intrusive dominating, and entirely out of character with the character of the locale.

Also, the submission states that it is in the back garden of Barrington House, it is not! The proposed site is well in front of the building line of the front of the whole of Barrington House.

Kind regards