

Stuart Malcolm

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**Sent:** 25 November 2025 19:19  
**To:** Stuart Malcolm  
**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/2661

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/11/2025 7:18 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Coombe Farm London Road Sayers Common West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) comprising a residential development of up to 210 dwellings (Use Class C3); with associated access; landscaping; amenity space; drainage and associated works.
Case Officer:	Stuart Malcolm

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Customer Details

Address:	
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>Sayers common is a small rural village with a lovely village feel and beautiful countryside surrounding it. It wasn't ever designed to become a town and should not be forced into one. It has already had a lot of development in recent times with over 300 houses in Sayers Meadow, behind Dunlop Close which now causes flooding on Reeds Lane due to the fact that the land on Sayers Meadow was a flood plain and shouldn't have been built on in the first place. Then there are new houses on the old brick works being built and suddenly three more large possible sites which want planning permission including this Coombe Farm site, which is going to destroy the village feel and hundreds and hundreds of acres of green spaces used by dog walkers, ramblers and local people to help with their general well-being from children to pensioners.</p> <p>The drainage can't cope already as I touched on above. Southern water are already aware of this and have tried to make things better but they are not perfect at all now. How can the drains take more people flushing toilets running water and the such like from all of these new houses? Plus there is all of the run off from the land you want to build on, that currently soaks up water and the trees/plants which currently use the rain water. If this is built it will now just run off this</p>



awful concreted land into the road and drains. Where will all that water go and how will southern water deal with that?

On the subject of water the local reservoirs are struggling to support Sussex as a whole, look at the near emergency measures that nearly had to come into force this year because Arlington reservoir became dangerously low. Where do you expect the new water to come from for these new houses? It just isn't being through at all.

The roads infrastructure locally will not be able to cope with all the new people and vehicles either. Reeds lane is not far from a single track road, modern cars are so wide and will not be shrinking anytime soon and it is tight for two cars to pass in places, plus it floods every year quite badly when we have long spells of rain. The London road, running through sayers common was not built for so many new roads joining it. Recently we have had Wintergreen Way built next to Furzeland Way which now means there are even more cars flowing through the already congested London Road and having to turn into and off a busy road. There is always a bottle neck where the North Star Car Garage is and with more traffic and visitors that will get worse and worse causing queues South, back down London road towards Albourne.

Finally we have the fact that the ancient woodland on Coombe Farm supports many many habitats from small insects which are vital to keep all other levels of the food chain in a level and steady position through to wild birds and mammals of all sizes. This land full of ancient woodland has trees of hundreds of years old within it and should never be destroyed. The government and the news is constantly telling us how we needs to be "green" and we need to "save the planet" and our trees are so important to the worlds stability going forward so how can any council agree to chopping down hundreds of trees and replacing it with concrete? It is going totally against the advice given from all scientists and almost all governments across the world.

Finally this is a site up, high above Sayers Common on a hill and there is a three storey building being proposed within this application which when the site is already high up above everything else around it, it would be a total eyesore and a blot on the landscape. It's been dreadfully planned and definitely should NOT be allowed for all of the above reasons.

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Kind regards