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**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 26/09/2025 3:05 PM.

### Application Summary

Address:	Site Of Former East Lodge Farm Malthouse Lane Hurstpierpoint West Sussex BN6 9LA
Proposal:	Proposal for 7 new build houses (Corrected address)
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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### Customer Details

Address:	Carmans Farm Danworth Lane Hurstpierpoint
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### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>This site is not suitable for a cul-de-sac of 7 houses when enough houses are being built on the northern arc of Burgess Hill. It is not a residential area and it is situated on a rural country lane, narrow in places due to council owned hedges not maintained and growing into the lane, blind bends, risk of flooding, no street lighting, mains drainage or gas.</p> <p>A large Tesla BESS site directly backs on to this location. According to the WSFRS fire report they are too close and too new a technology to know what risks there are with them.</p>
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It's reported that an EV battery in a car takes 10,000gallons (45,460.9litres) of water to extinguish and can still re-ignite hours later. Look at the transfer station fires from just a vape battery left in rubbish.

The BESS site if caught alight would be a fire almost unstoppable.

We live 3 fields over from the BESS site with a direct view onto them as the site is still not screened. The noise from the fans when running early morning, afternoon and evening going on till 1.30am is horrendous. The speed, noise and pitch seem to be variable and can be heard in bed 3 fields away, let alone 25 metres which the houses would be. With most winds south westerly, the noise would be carried towards the houses, affecting evening entertainment in the garden, sleeping and eventually the residents wellbeing. Building a bund between the houses and BESS site would not deflect this noise and who would maintain it. The BESS site is also floodlit at times similar to a football stadium and the residents would find it difficult to sleep with no darkness.

Lastly, despite 106 objections from the community to build a large 2 storey commercial property on this site the council still granted permission in October 2021. Now the BESS site is built, why have the owners changed their minds about the commercial building? The site historically was a low level agricultural poultry building sunken into the ground.

Any suitable building for the site would hopefully be a low bungalow with ground around it, in keeping with the bungalow cottages along the lane or a low level ground floor commercial building.

Not 7 residential 2 storey houses.

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Kind regards