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Subject: Objection to Application DM/25/2046: Evergreen, London Road, Hassocks

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I am writing to strongly object to application DM/25/2046 on the grounds of environmental protection and highway safety.

1. Unwarranted Encroachment into the Strategic Gap

- **Policy Conflict:** The application site sits within the vital Strategic Gap between Hassocks and Burgess Hill. It represents a direct conflict with Mid Sussex District Plan Policy DP13 and Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan Policy NP2.
- **Preventing Coalescence:** The primary purpose of this gap is to prevent the coalescence of these two settlements and to preserve the rural character of the landscape.
- **Harmful Precedent:** Approving three large detached houses here would cause significant visual harm, erode the open buffer, and set a dangerous precedent for incremental, piecemeal development along London Road. The council has already identified this application as a departure from the Development Plan for these exact reasons
- **Severe Highway Safety Risks on London Road (A273)**

Cumulative Traffic Strain: London Road is a major, fast-flowing arterial route. It has already seen an exponential increase in vehicle movements due to nearby large-scale housing allocations. The local road network cannot safely absorb further intensification

Dangerous Access: Introducing or expanding a residential access point on this specific stretch of the A273 is unsafe. The actual speeds driven on this road mean that exiting vehicles face inadequate visibility splays, significantly increasing the risk of collisions.

Pedestrian Vulnerability: This section of London Road lacks adequate, continuous footways and safe crossing points. Adding more vehicles directly escalates the danger to pedestrians who must navigate this corridor

Conclusion

This proposal fails to respect the local countryside boundaries and introduces a clear highway hazard. It does not constitute sustainable development, and I urge the planning committee to refuse outline permission.

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