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To: "Joanne Fisher" <joanne.fisher@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/0445

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/03/2025 2:27 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Colwell Farm Lewes Road Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for up to 80 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, infrastructure and vehicular and pedestrian accesses.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address:	Hope Cottage Grisling Common Piltdown
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to object strongly to the above proposal for up to 80 dwellings, for the following reasons:- 1. The site is not an allocated site in the adopted Mid-Sussex District Plan 2014-2031, nor was it an allocated housing site in the adopted Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan of 2016. 2. Other sites are far more suitable, as this site has very high ecological value. It is a haven for wildlife and contains a number of wild birds, as well as rare endangered species including hazel

dormice, grass snakes, various species of bats, and badgers.

3. The site is a flood risk, and is currently untouched meadow land, unfarmed, and left to nature for several decades. Ancient paths cross the nearby woods.

4. The proposed development will cause harm to heritage assets adjacent to the site, specifically Colwell House (grade 2 listed) and North Colwell Barn.

5. Development of this site would cause the loss of at least 20 mature trees, including several in the Conservation area, which would not normally be permitted.

6. The site will cause harm to the Lewes Road Conservation Area. It is outside the built-up boundary and is classed as countryside.

7. A development of this size will mean that Haywards Heath is gradually encroaching on Scaynes Hill, Wivelsfield and Lindfield, blurring the boundaries between these ancient settlements, all of which currently have their own identities.

8. I live further east along the A272 and am a very regular user of this road. The proposed site is far from services (bus stops, shops, schools, etc.) and any trips made on foot would involve crossing a 40mph road where the speed limit is often ignored. Therefore the vast majority of journeys from owners of the new houses would be made by car, increasing hugely the already enormous amount of traffic on the A272. This is a main east-west arterial road and should not be clogged up any further - the traffic is already very heavy with cars, vans and lorries, and any cars exiting from the proposed site on to the A272 would cause further hazards.

In summary, the site is totally unsuitable for the type of development proposed, and the application should be rejected.

Kind regards