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**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application  
DM/25/2478

## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/10/2025 7:49 PM.

### Application Summary

Address:	Land Adj. To Great Haywards Wealden Way Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed erection of 1 No. detached self-build dwelling and single detached garage, with provision of a new access from Wealden Way.
Case Officer:	Caroline Grist

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### Customer Details

Address:	183 Hoblands Haywards Heath
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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 to the above planning application on the grounds of its likely adverse impact on local wildlife and biodiversity. The ponds support various forms of aquatic wildlife. Foxes and badgers etc use the ponds for drinking water  The proposed development site is an important habitat for a range of species, including - e.g. bats, hedgehogs and owls. The removal of [trees, hedgerows, scrub, ponds, etc.] will result in the loss of

nesting, foraging, and sheltering areas

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires that planning decisions "minimise impacts on and provide net gains for biodiversity" (para. 179). This proposal fails to demonstrate how biodiversity loss will be prevented or mitigated.

No adequate ecological survey or biodiversity enhancement plan appears to have been provided. Without this information, the council cannot properly assess the environmental impact, which should justify refusal or at least deferral until a full ecological assessment is carried out.

In summary, I believe the proposal is contrary to local and national planning policies on biodiversity and conservation and should therefore be refused.

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Kind regards