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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 16/12/2024 5:32 PM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | Stumble Ridge Oldlands Avenue Balcombe Haywards Heath<br>West Sussex RH17 6LP                                                   |
| Proposal:     | Removal of existing outbuilding and holiday let building. Erection of detached dwelling with associated landscaping and access. |
| Case Officer: | Rachel Richardson                                                                                                               |

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### Customer Details

Address: 1 Backwoods Lane Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex

### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Comments:            | <p>My parents live next door but one to Stumble Ridge and have resided there since building the house in 1960, it was my childhood home. I wish to strongly object to the proposed application for the same reasons that were put forward by my parents Mr &amp; Mrs J Scates (listed below).</p> <p>I would also like to add the very important issue of precedence. My parents receive regular purchase offers from various developers who are obviously very keen to establish a foothold in</p> |

the row of houses that back on to the field. Opening up access and allowing a new build as proposed in this application would be an obvious starting point for any developer & would set an alarming precedent.

It is our understanding that the retrospective planning granted for the current 'Holiday Let' was issued on the strict understanding that it would not lead to it becoming or being replaced with a permanent dwelling.

A new dwelling would harm and be entirely out of keeping with the current appearance and character of the area.

My parents are now in their 90's and we are alarmed that the current security offered by the permanently locked gate and farm track that leads to the back of the property represents a real risk. We are deeply concerned that if a driveway is built their privacy and security will be impacted. The same goes for all our neighbours with houses adjoining the field. The only use the track is put to currently is for access once a year to mow the field which is managed as a wild flower meadow.

The access proposed is entirely inappropriate, access at the moment is purely permissive. It would be entirely wrong to create a private road/driveway.

The land being proposed for use in the application is subject to restrictive covenants and is part of both the Balcombe Conservation Area and a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The proposed plans are completely out of keeping with the ethos, spirit and history of the area. The agreements and covenants were designed to protect the meadow and adjoining Ancient Woodland (home to Dormice) and we feel strongly that such areas should be protected.

We believe the application is obviously misleading, describing the proposed property as a 3 bedroom dwelling when it is clearly a 4 bedroom house. A 'cinema room' with a large window should be definitely be considered a 4th bedroom.

A second storey/ balcony would also create a problem with overlooking and affect the quiet enjoyment of our garden (as well as that of our neighbours. It would an invasion of privacy and would have a negative impact on our residential amenity.

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Kind regards