

## Andy Watt

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**From:** planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 02 March 2026 19:12  
**To:** Andy Watt  
**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0317

## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/03/2026 7:12 PM.

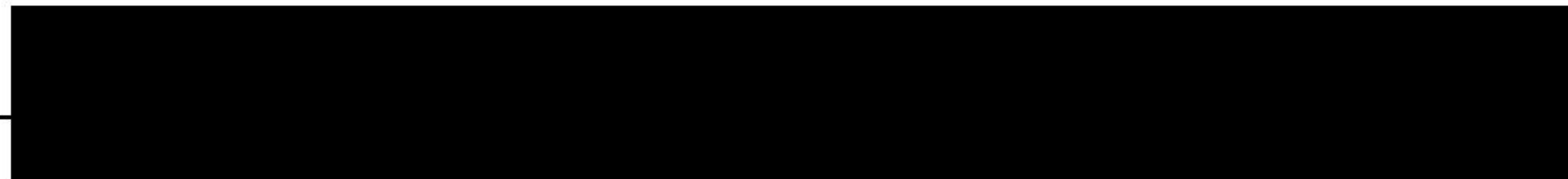
### Application Summary

Address:	Glebelands Field Lodge Lane Bolney West Sussex
Proposal:	A phased development of up to 9 self build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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### Customer Details

Address:



### Comments Details

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

Comments: Dear Planning Officer,  
I object to this application and respectfully request that it be refused.



though my objection is grounded in what I believe to be an inefficient and wasteful policy framework resulting in disproportionate burden being placed on the village. The applicant's central argument rests on Mid Sussex District Council's failure to meet its statutory self-build duty and its inability to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. I am considerably concerned by this issue, but I do not believe that Bolney is the solution. Through the Foxhole Farm approval (DM/25/1129), Bolney is on track for a 74% increase in size; this additional expansion would come close to doubling the size of the village. I am concerned that the Council has missed the mark in its motivations. Yes, it is necessary to build houses, but these houses must also be homes. It is crucial to build houses in areas where people can reasonably inhabit them. Building houses in relatively remote villages across Sussex, as opposed to increasing the number of houses in our well-connected towns,

simply will not help anyone struggling to get on the housing ladder. We are blessed in Sussex with a beautiful rural landscape alongside sufficient proximity to London and Brighton that many commute to these economic hubs. However, the lack of transport within Sussex itself means that the commuter appeal cannot be applied uniformly. Put someone even at the edge of Burgess Hill station they can commute to London without a car (either by walking or cycling safely through one of the many cycle lanes within the town. Put someone in Bolney village, and there is zero chance they will be able to commute to either London or Brighton in sociable hours for work without a car. They might be able to commute to Burgess Hill or Haywards Heath after a long bus journey plagued with delays, but cycling to either of these places (particularly Haywards Heath) is suicide. It does not make sense to me that a county with pros of countryside and easy within-town commuting should decide to build over the countryside in areas unfriendly to commuters. It is for this reason that I am concerned by the Council's motivation, and do not believe they have done sufficient assessment on this additional housing plan. The fact that the Council needs to build houses does not mean they should blindly accept proposals. This false economy will lead to a large number of poorly placed houses without tackling the root problem: people need homes. If the median-salaried person in Sussex could not afford to either buy or live in these new build homes, I do not see at all how they will come close to resolving our nationwide housing issue. If the council invested in local jobs, local schools, local GPs, the local hospital, local transport networks and utilities with the furiosity with which it approaches the relatively profitable new-build housing market I may have been easily convinced, because I do understand the need for houses. But building four walls for sale at £415k (the price of the cheapest house on Davey Drive, new builds in Bolney) in an inaccessible area with volatile utility services is not going to help people access the housing ladder, and therefore will not solve our nationwide lack of homes. Housing delivery policies make sense when the fundamental reasons for their framework are applied correctly. In this case, none of the fundamentals align with economic reality. I urge the Council to refuse.



Kind regards