

Joanne Fisher

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Sent: 13 May 2025 17:28
To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/1129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2025 5:28 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land At Foxhole Farm Foxhole Lane Bolney West Sussex

Proposal: Outline application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved), for the erection of up to 200 residential dwellings, including affordable housing; a community building (use class F1) encompassing land for education provision, together with associated access, ancillary parking and landscaping; the creation of a vehicular access point from the A272 Cowfold Road, and pedestrian and cycle only access to The Street; and creation of a network of roads, footways, and cycleways through the site; together with the provision of countryside open space, children's play areas, community orchard, and allotments; sustainable drainage systems and landscape buffers.

Case Officer: Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address: Ostlers Cottage Cowfold Road, Bolney

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The proposed development is absurd. It would be completely disproportionate, out of character, and result in noise, traffic, and pollution. If the council wants sustainable development, this is not it!
Bolney is a village which had a population of fewer than 3,000 at the time of the last census and virtually no facilities. Two hundred houses would probably bring an extra 800 or so people -- increasing Bolney's population by more than 25%. It's hard to think of anywhere less suitable for the construction of a new housing estate.
Public transport is somewhere between poor and hopeless; there are no proper shops, and

just two petrol garages, and a pub. The village school has a capacity of only 112 and the current roll is not far short of that number. Secondary schools are a car journey away. GP services are stretched and appointments hard to come by. Where those hundreds of people would find a dentist or a doctor, or do their shopping, is anyone's guess. Then there's the question of traffic. Two hundred houses probably means approximately 400 cars. Proposed access is from the A272 - a very busy road - and the site would be dangerously close to a pedestrian crossing and an already tricky junction (the cross-roads where Foxhole Lane and Chapel Road meet the A272). Surely in a district the size of Mid Sussex there must be somewhere more suitable - or at least less obviously and utterly UNSuitable.

Regards



Kind regards