

Steven King

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**From:** planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 16 July 2026 12:22  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0454

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/07/2026 12:22 PM.

Application Summary

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| Address:      | Land Parcel At Bolney Road Ansty West Sussex                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Proposal:     | Proposed erection of 33 new homes with access from Marwick Close, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works. (amended plans received 25/06/2026 showing revised layout, reduction in the number of units to 33 and new footway on A272.) |
| Case Officer: | Steven King                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Customer Details

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| Address: | 5 Crouch Fields Ansty Haywards Heath |
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Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Comments:            | Planning Application DM/26/0454 - Objection<br><br>I wish to register my objection to planning application DM/26/0454 on the grounds that the proposal would place additional pressure on infrastructure and services that are already struggling to meet existing demand within Ansty and the surrounding area.<br><br>Highway Safety and Traffic<br><br>The A272 remains a significant road safety concern. Vehicles regularly exceed the 30 mph speed limit through the village, creating hazards for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike. Additional traffic generated by this development will inevitably increase congestion and make it more difficult and dangerous for vehicles exiting nearby lanes and private properties onto |

the A272.

There are also longstanding concerns regarding pedestrian safety. The Council has consistently failed to ensure that the maintenance alongside the A272 towards Cuckfield has been carried out, reducing visibility for children walking to school and making it inaccessible to parents with buggy's and young children or anyone with mobility aids. The application does not demonstrate how these existing highway safety issues can be overcome.

#### Sustainable Transport

Although the proposal includes cycle parking, it makes no provision for safe cycling infrastructure. There are currently no dedicated cycle lanes through Ansty, making cycling along the A272 hazardous for many users.

The application fails to demonstrate how residents will be able to make safe and realistic journeys by bicycle to Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath or neighbouring villages. Public transport provision is also extremely limited. There are very few public transport options available. Future residents are therefore likely to be heavily reliant on private vehicles for employment, education, shopping and healthcare, which is inconsistent with the principles of sustainable development.

#### Local Services

Local healthcare, schools and local services are already full and only accessible via car on the already crowded roads.

Additional housing will place further pressure on these areas and the application does not offer any solutions on how the increased demand arising from the development will be accommodated.

Greater consideration should be given to the capacity of local infrastructure before further housing is approved.

#### Failure to Enforce Planning Conditions

A planning condition requiring the installation of permanent speed restriction measures along the A272 and the converging roads at the Ansty roundabout has not been honoured and is ignored by the council.

It is difficult to have confidence that conditions attached to any future planning permission will be delivered when existing requirements are ignored.

#### Water Supply

The local water supply infrastructure is already under considerable strain. On regular occasions residents have experienced water shortages and reduced water pressure. The existing network is struggling to meet the current demand and the proposed development would place additional pressure on an already stretched system. In the absence of clear evidence from the water companies demonstrating that sufficient capacity exists, and that existing residents will not experience reduced service reliability or water pressure, the proposal cannot be considered sustainable.

The proposal fails to demonstrate that the local infrastructure is capable of accommodating further development without significant adverse impacts. Existing concerns relating to highway safety, traffic, drainage, flooding, school capacity, planning enforcement and water supply remain unresolved. These issues leave us to believe that the development would place an unacceptable burden on the infrastructure in Ansty.

Yours faithfully,



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Kind regards

