

Steven King

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 June 2026 15:46
To: Steven King
Cc: Robert Clare
Subject: Re: Planning Application DM/25/3129 – Land at Borde Hill Lane, Haywards Heath

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Dear Steven

I received the email and associated Planning application document recently.

I wish to object to the above application.

Whilst I recognise the need for additional housing, I do not believe this proposal adequately demonstrates that 117 dwellings can be accommodated without significant harm to the local environment, infrastructure, highway safety, or the character of the area.

Cumulative Impact

This application should not be considered in isolation. Haywards Heath has already seen substantial housing growth along the Balcombe Road corridor and at nearby sites including Hanlye Lane. Roads are busier, public services are under increasing pressure, and the surrounding countryside is being steadily eroded. The cumulative effects of further development have not been fully assessed.

Highway and Pedestrian Safety

Balcombe Road already carries considerable traffic. An additional 117 dwellings will place further pressure on the road network. Footway provision along sections of Balcombe Road is limited and visibility restricted, making conditions particularly hazardous for families, children, and other vulnerable road users. I am not satisfied that sufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate these risks can be fully mitigated.

Loss of Greenfield Land

The site contributes to the rural setting and landscape character of Haywards Heath. Once developed, this countryside cannot be recovered. This proposal represents another step in the gradual erosion of the green spaces that define our local communities.

Ecological and Environmental Impact

The site currently provides habitat, natural drainage, and open green space. Proposed mitigation and landscaping cannot fully replicate the ecological value of established greenfield land. Development will also reduce the site's natural capacity to absorb rainfall and support groundwater recharge.

Water Supply and Infrastructure Resilience

As a Cuckfield resident, I have received repeated notifications from South East Water regarding supply interruptions in recent months. The Southeast is already one of the most water-stressed regions in the country. I would ask that the Council seeks robust confirmation from relevant utility

providers that sufficient capacity exists to serve this development without adversely affecting existing residents.

Local Services

GP services, NHS dentistry, school places, parking, and the wider road network are already under considerable strain. The application does not provide sufficient confidence that necessary infrastructure improvements will be delivered in step with the scale of development proposed.

For the reasons above, I do not believe the benefits of this proposal outweigh the harm arising from the loss of greenfield land, increased traffic, infrastructure pressure, and the cumulative impact of continued development in this area.

I would request that Mid Sussex District Council refuses planning permission for application DM/25/3129.

Yours Sincerely

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