

Joseph Swift

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Sent: 06 February 2026 16:15
To: Joseph Swift
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0073

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 06/02/2026 4:15 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	The erection of 44 new homes with access from West Hoathly Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works.
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address:	50 Forest View Road East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear sirs. Please accept this as my official objection to the proposed development based on the following. Concerns : Children and Pedestrians safety. This road is already heavily used by children and families during school and nursery drop off and collection times. Pavements are too narrow and, in some places, non-existent. Meaning wheelchair and pushchair users are often in the road. The report done by the proposed developer even confirms vehicle speeds exceed the limit. There are already too many collisions, near misses and the occasional house damaged due to volume of traffic. Adding traffic from 44 news houses (so, potentially 88 new vehicles minimum) will only increase the potential for all of the aforementioned. The access to this proposed development sits close to a blind bend on a narrow road in which speeding is common and already acknowledged by the developer. On street parking for residents, users of the local recreation ground and patrons of The Dunnings Mill Pub already forces vehicles to use the other side of the road. Additional traffic will hugely increase risk to all. Pressure on essential services. It's already near on impossible to obtain an appointment at the

local doctor surgeries. All current dentist and childcare services are at capacity. Our drains are already overflowing with the smallest volume of rain. Especially around the Dunnings Mill area; which is basically a well at the bottom of two hills. There are already considerable restraints on the ability for water to drain naturally so reducing the natural water drainage system by concreting over a field does not make sense.

We remain on a hosepipe ban (since July 25) and only recently had our water supply stopped due to our provider not being able to cope with the pressures already on them. Adding fuel to this fire seems careless at the very least.

Environmental Impact : No comprehensive ecological or wildlife surveys have been submitted. The site lies within a sensitive landscape where wildlife has already been displaced by nearby developments. There appears to have been no consideration for the wildlife. In addition to that, there certainly appears to have been no consideration for the residents who live near the proposed site. People live in East Grinstead, and in particular this area of town, for a reason; and it's not so they can look out the window and a monstrous new housing development.

Sustainability and public transport : Public transport in the area is already limited. The bus stop at Dunnings Mill lacks shelter and regularly floods. The extremely steep gradient and poor pedestrian infrastructure discourage walking. The proposal conflicts with national planning policy objectives on sustainable transport, road safety and climate impact.

Other policy conflicts : The East Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan Para 4.5 & 4.6 says "National Planning Policy goes on to state and Paragraph 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework.."Planning permission should be refused for major development in these designated areas except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest". This has not been evidence and this proposed development is not in the public interest.

This site also lies outside the Built Up Area Boundary as defined in the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031.

Future expansion : The proposed plan includes a road leading off the site. This raises concerns that the development could be expanded in the future, compounding the existing and identified harms.

As a concerned local resident I do hope that common sense prevails and this development rejected. If somebody wants to do something constructive with that land then perhaps extend the ridiculously inadequate Recreation Ground so that it large enough for use by the current residents and is made into somewhere more appealing.

Yours wishfully



Kind regards