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To: "planninginfo" <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 28/09/2026 2:48 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Between 149 And 161 College Lane Hurstpierpoint West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection 6no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping, parking and areas of open space.
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	96 College Lane Hurstpierpoint
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to object to the planning application for 6 new houses on the land between 149 and 161 College Lane. I would particularly like to highlight the cumulative impacts of this development combined with those of other current and proposed developments on College Lane.
	Traffic and safety implications:
	College Lane is unable to cope with existing levels of traffic,

particularly during the morning and evening drop off and pick up times for students at Hurstpierpoint College. There is a lengthy pinch point in the Conservation Area of College Lane, just south of the proposed development, which is effectively a single-track road, (given that residents have no alternative but to park their cars along the street). Drivers have limited visibility and there are no pavements, so it is extremely unsafe for residents, particularly children and those with limited mobility. Residents of the northern part of the Lane have no alternative but to walk in the road here, dodging between parked cars, if they wish to access public transport via the bus stops on Wickham Hill.

This proposed development of 6 houses with 20 car parking spaces, combined with the 7 houses already being built nearby and the 119 new houses on College Lane currently proposed in the main modifications to the district plan, would add to these pressures in a completely unsustainable way, exacerbating safety concerns and creating frequent gridlock. There is no scope to mitigate these impacts by creating a footpath or cycle lane in this part of the Lane given the narrowness of the road, which cannot be widened due to the terraces of historic houses which stretch along both sides.

In addition to the impact on College Lane itself, this new development, combined with other current and planned developments, would put significant additional pressure on Malthouse Lane and Chalkers Lane which are both narrow country roads with serious safety and (in the case of Malthouse Lane) flooding issues.

Impacts on landscape and the character of College Lane:

The proposed development would adversely affect the semi-rural character of College Lane and the sense of it being on the edge of the village. The remaining beautiful view over fields to the east of the Lane would be lost, and the character of Hurstpierpoint as a village and a separate entity from Hassocks would be further eroded. I understand that the neighbouring 7 house development (currently under construction) was only approved after plans were amended to preserve the lines of sight from College Lane to open countryside. This new proposal would remove those sight lines entirely and it should therefore be rejected.

Affordability:

This proposal for luxury housing, with a disproportionately high number of car parking spaces, would not in any way contribute to the provision of social and affordable housing which the area requires.

I would be grateful if you would take these concern into account in your assessment of this proposal.

Kind regards