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To: "planninginfo" <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/2178

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 2:28 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:	Belmont Chapel Belmont Lane Hassocks
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to object to this application, and to add my support to the objections already submitted by other neighbours and residents. I object to the loss of countryside represented by this proposal. This site is not contiguous with an existing built up area of the settlement as intended by policy DP6 - settlement hierarchy. The adjoining land at 147-149 College Lane was permitted for 7

dwellings (ref. DM/24/1139) only as a narrow exception under Policy DP6, on the basis that it was a limited, contiguous, edge-of-settlement site. This application, on land immediately alongside that site, risks treating that limited exception as a precedent for further building. Approving it would represent a piecemeal, incremental loss of countryside and agricultural land that cannot be recovered once built on, and would undermine the policy intent that DP6 and the strategic gap designation are meant to protect.

I also endorse the concerns already raised by other residents on this application regarding:

- highway safety, traffic, and the capacity of local roads and infrastructure to absorb further development;
- foul drainage and sewage capacity, given reported existing problems with the local sewage network;
- the erosion of the rural setting and amenity of Hurst Wickham, which this development would suburbanise;
- the cumulative effect of this application taken together with the adjoining DM/24/1139 permission, which amounts to more than the sum of the two parts.

I ask the Council to refuse this application.

Kind regards