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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/3010

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/01/2026 4:39 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Duckyls Farm Centre Selsfield Road West Hoathly East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4QY
Proposal:	Proposed installation of a single-storey timber building on the footprint of a former outbuilding
Case Officer:	Deborah Lynn

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Customer Details

Address: Duckyls Farmhouse Selsfield Road West Hoathly, West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I write to comment formally on the above proposal to install a single-storey timber building on the footprint of a former outbuilding. I have been resident at Duckyls Farmhouse since 1971. It is important to note that Duckyls Farmhouse is not part of the Care Home based at Duckyls Farm and has no connections to it. I wish to bring the following points to your attention.

1- In the period since 1971 there has never been a building on the location of this proposed development. I believe one has to go back approximately a century to when there was a building on this location. This was an agricultural building, built before any of the other farm buildings and was most likely demolished when the farm buildings opposite were first constructed. Therefore, rather than just replacing an existing building this application is, in effect, for a new building as one hasn't existed on this location in living memory.

2- The application is also implicitly changing the use of the site from agricultural to that of the business of the care home.

3- The need for additional care home ground floor space and first floor office space was the subject of planning application DM/23/2491 in 2023 which was granted. However, this work to partly demolish an existing (unstable) farm building and rebuild to the existing design with the requested ground floor and first floor spaces has not been started. It is not clear therefore why a new planning application is being made when the last application (which could have provided the necessary space) has not been progressed.

4- The farmhouse, cottage and farm buildings have a unique character as frequently enjoyed by walkers taking the route from Gravetye manner to Selsfield Road at Duckyls farm and lies within an area of outstanding natural beauty. The house and farm featured in Peter Brandon's book entitled "The Sussex Landscape" where he described the unique character of this farmhouse and hill farm. Building on the proposed site detracts from this unique character.

5- As the resident of Duckyls Farmhouse, the entrance way from the road to the property is very important as it is the only vehicle route to my house and having building on both sides of the drive would distinctly change the character of this approach from one which is ostensibly agricultural/rural to one with a much more commercial feel. Having building on both sides of the driveway will also impart a significant overbearing impact as I reach my property from the road.

Kind regards