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To: "Andrew Clarke" <andrew.clarke@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 23/02/2025 1:18 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Sakkara 5 Shelley Wood Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 9XL

Proposal: Retrospective application for infilling of pond.

Case Officer: Andrew Clarke

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Customer Details

Address: 4 Shelley Wood Gatehouse Lane Burgess Hill

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I was concerned when I saw that my neighbour was infilling the natural pond in his garden. I had always understood that the pond was listed. When we bought our house in 1998 we were informed of the pond and it being listed. Shelley wood purposefully had extra drainage facilities installed when the developers built the 5 houses in case of flooding, this comprises of pumps underneath the drive way. I was therefore concerned when I noticed the infilling of the pond occurring.

I contacted Mid Sussex District Council Planning office by phone and email in September 2020 raising my concerns, enquiring if a

planning application was required and highlighting the increased risk of flooding and water to my garden. I was informed that a planning application was not required and disappointingly, my concerns were not investigated by the council.

Since the pond has been infilled there has been noticeably more water in my garden and this is very concerning. Once infilled water still gathered in the pond area in the garden and I am aware my neighbour had to put in some undersoil pipework to ensure more drainage, to manage and displace this water . As a natural pond water will appear in the area.

Now that the house is for sale a retrospective planning application has been made. This allows opportunity for the pond and its drainage to be revisited and investigated professionally, at no cost to myself, to ensure that neighbouring properties are not at risk of flooding or damage to their structures and foundations by high levels of water content in the surrounding soil.

Kind regards