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Sent: 15 July 2026 12:18:19 UTC+01:00
To: "Anna Tidey" <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1392

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/07/2026 12:18 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Cottage And The Old Barn Southbrooks Danworth Lane Hurstpierpoint Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9LW
Proposal:	Erection of a car port on top of existing hardstanding. Amended Plans received 10.07.2026 showing triple bay garage/carport with pitched roofline.
Case Officer:	Anna Tidey

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Customer Details

Address:	4 Old Mill House Hurstpierpoint
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Planning Officer, I would like to submit a comment in relation to this application. I have no objection to my neighbour making improvements to his property, and my comments are not directed at the proposed carport itself.

My concern relates to the proposed removal of the mature boundary trees within the application. Whilst I appreciate that the trees are within my neighbour's ownership, it forms an important part of the existing boundary between our properties and provides valuable screening across the adjoining countryside.

As the owner of the adjoining land, I experience this boundary from the opposite side on a daily basis, and the mature trees form an important part of the rural character of both properties rather than simply the applicant's premises.

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment concludes that retained trees continue to provide screening and amenity. My concern is now that the removal of specimens of mature trees would create a permanent and prominent gap in the existing boundary planting, altering the character of what is currently a well-established natural screen and opening views into the adjoining fields.

I note that an earlier proposal for this part of the site was for a lower-profile garage building. Whilst I appreciate that designs evolve, the current proposal places even greater importance on the retention of the mature boundary trees to soften the development and preserve the existing rural character. In my view, this makes the loss of a mature boundary tree more significant than it might otherwise have been.

Should after review the Council conclude that the tree can be removed, I would respectfully ask that any permission is made subject to a planning condition requiring replacement planting of an appropriate native species and of a sufficiently mature size, in the same general location, to ensure the long-term continuity of the existing boundary screening and landscape character. Whilst a newly planted tree cannot immediately replace the contribution of a mature specimen, such a condition would at least ensure that the screening and visual amenity lost today are restored over time.

I would be grateful if these considerations could be given due weight when determining the application.

These comments are offered simply in the hope that the existing landscape character can be retained as far as possible whilst still allowing the proposed development to proceed.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Thomas

Kind regards

