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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/3129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/05/2026 10:09 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 117 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access. (Amended plans and supporting statements received 15th April reducing the number of proposed dwellings to up 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: 3 Callender Road Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing as a concerned local resident to object to this planning application. I am particularly worried about the ongoing and unresolved issues around flooding. The proposal relies on drainage systems that

have yet to be designed, meaning the most critical flood risks are being deferred rather than properly addressed. Local experience already shows the consequences of this approach-recent development at Penland Green has contributed to increased flooding in Orchard Way and surrounding roads. Approving a scheme of this scale without a clear, deliverable solution risks making an already serious problem worse.

I am also deeply concerned about the impact on local roads. The surrounding network is made up of narrow rural lanes that are already under significant pressure. Additional traffic from such a large development would inevitably increase congestion and reduce safety for both drivers and pedestrians. The proposed roundabout, even in a revised form, would introduce an urban feature that feels entirely out of character with the existing rural setting.

Local infrastructure, particularly schools, is already stretched beyond capacity. It has been confirmed that there are insufficient school places in the area, and while developer contributions may be proposed, they do not guarantee that new school provision will be delivered in time to meet demand. This places additional strain on existing families and services, and risks leaving new and current residents without adequate access to education.

Finally, I am strongly concerned about the impact on wildlife and the natural environment. The site currently supports valuable habitats, including fields and hedgerows that are essential for local biodiversity. Development on this scale would result in habitat loss, fragmentation, and increased disturbance, particularly within the sensitive setting of the High Weald National Landscape. Measures such as biodiversity net gain cannot fully replace what would be lost, especially when considered alongside the cumulative impact of nearby developments.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the Council to refuse planning permission for this development.

Kind regards