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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1593

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/08/2025 10:19 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Woodlands Close And Land To The North Of Burleigh Lane Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4JZ
Proposal:	The demolition of numbers 9-11 Woodlands Close together with the demolition of other existing buildings on site and erection of 48 dwellings (Use Class C3) with open space, landscaping, car parking and associated infrastructure including provision of internal access roads and access road onto Woodlands Close.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address: 19 Woodlands Close Crawley Down

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to submit my strong objection to the proposed residential development planning reference DM/25/1593, on the basis of several serious and deeply concerning issues that would negatively impact the environment, infrastructure, and the quality of life for existing residents. 1. Flood Risk, Sewage Capacity & Subsidence

This area already suffers from water drainage issues, and any further development will place unsustainable pressure on already inadequate flood management systems. Increased hard surfacing will exacerbate surface runoff, increasing the flood risk to existing homes. Moreover, the local sewage system is not capable of handling increased demand, leading to the risk of backflow and contamination. The ground in this area is also prone to subsidence, and further construction may destabilize surrounding properties.

2. Irreplaceable Wildlife Habitat

The proposed site is a natural habitat to protected and vulnerable species, including deer, badgers, and newts. Any destruction or disturbance to this ecosystem would represent an irreversible loss of biodiversity. There has been no transparent or credible ecological survey shared with the community that properly accounts for the impact on wildlife. The development poses a clear violation of environmental stewardship obligations.

3. Noise, Disturbance & Parking Disruption

Construction activity would bring prolonged noise, dust, and disruption to the area, significantly affecting the daily lives of residents. Contractors' vehicles are likely to occupy residents' parking spaces, causing tension and logistical issues for families, carers, and deliveries. Additionally, heavy vehicles will damage narrow village roads, which were never designed for such traffic volumes.

4. Lack of Infrastructure - Schools & Health Facilities

This is a small village, not a town, and it lacks the infrastructure to support significant population growth. Local schools are already over-subscribed, and there are no nearby GP surgeries or medical centres with capacity to accommodate additional residents. This will place further pressure on already stretched NHS resources and create longer wait times and reduced care for all.

5. Heritage & Character of the Area

The village contains Grade II listed buildings and a unique architectural character that would be irreparably harmed by inappropriate development. The new dwellings are not in keeping with the historic setting and would cause visual and cultural harm to the fabric of the community.

In summary, this development is unsuitable, unsustainable, and unwelcome. It poses serious risks to public safety, environmental integrity, and community cohesion. I urge the planning authority to reject this application outright and preserve the character and stability of our village.

Kind regards