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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 08/07/2025 1:41 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adj. To 19 Estcots Drive East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed erection of one pair of semi detached houses, with associated parking and new shared vehicular access.
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	Estcots Cottage College Lane East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam I strongly object to the proposed development of a pair of new build semi-detached houses on this site. I was present at MSDC planning meeting in East Court Mansion in 2004 it was unanimous by All members of the planning committee that the proposal for a new build house on the same site should be refused . There was also failed applications in 1980,1985,1989 & a pre application that was withdrawn in 2018. The proposal in 2003/2004 that was refused for a single house and one of points discussed was that the view from Estcots
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Farmhouse would be drastically blocked by the roof of the new dwelling and even more unthinkable that roof lights could be added at a later date ! . The then proposal had no windows in the roof yet the latest proposal has an increased ridge height and large dormer windows that would look directly into the rear windows of Estcots Farmhouse, it is also now 2 dwellings and the foot print is larger than the 2003/2004 , if it was refused in 2004 for a smaller single property , with a lower pitched roof and no dormer windows this application should not even be considered and refused.

Living ourselves in the Estcots Conservation area it is a very special place and has been called the 'jewel of East Grinstead 'with Estcots Farmhouse being one of the most important dwellings in the town.

Almost every day visitors from literally all over the world stop and take photos of this beautiful home and Gardens. It was also stated at the planning meeting of 2004 that Estcots Farmhouse would have originally been a working farm with it's land now passed over to the building of Estcots drive and Woodbury estate so it deserves to have this small section of land not developed or overlooked which would totally spoil the privacy of this magnificent building that has already given so much to the town.

The actual site was once part of the formal Gardens to Estcots Farmhouse and apart from the beautiful landscaping it holds an ancient pond that is detailed on all ordnance survey maps , this would need to be dug up and all of the historic landscaping lost forever, I personally think it must of been a mistake not to make this Ancient garden not part of the Estcots Conservation area.

Finally the Meridian line marker which again is viewed on an almost daily basis would need to be lost or moved which again is unthinkable , this is such an important treasure to the town.

Please see the importance of not letting this land be developed for so many reasons and refuse this application.

Kind regards