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To: "Deborah Lynn" <deborah.lynn@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1560

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 27/07/2026 10:59 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land To The Rear Of The Byre The Street Bolney Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5PG
Proposal:	Erection of 5 detached dwellinghouses and outbuildings, including new garage to serve The Byre. Please note amended address.
Case Officer:	Deborah Lynn

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Customer Details

Address:	Durstons Lodge Lane Bolney
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I write to object to planning application DM/26/1560. I support the objections submitted by Bolney Parish Council and the representation submitted by my wife. Rather than repeat those points in detail, I wish to highlight the cumulative planning impacts that, in my view, weigh strongly against this proposal. The application should not be considered in isolation. Whilst modest in scale, it immediately adjoins the approved Foxhole

Farm development and forms part of the same area of open countryside. The significance of this proposal therefore lies not in the addition of five dwellings, but in its contribution to the continued urbanisation of land that currently provides an important transition between the village and the surrounding countryside.

The approved Foxhole Farm development establishes the extent of planned growth in this location. It should not be regarded as a basis for incremental expansion onto adjoining land. To permit further development beyond that point risks creating a pattern of successive encroachment into the countryside that is inconsistent with a plan-led approach to development.

I am particularly concerned by the effect that the two developments, taken together, would have on the public footpath running alongside the sites. This is the principal route by which residents access the surrounding Wealden countryside and is widely used throughout the year. Its value lies not simply in providing pedestrian access, but in the experience of moving from the village into an open rural landscape. Development on both sides of the route would fundamentally alter that character and diminish the amenity it currently provides.

The ecological implications should also be considered cumulatively. The ecological assessments prepared for the Foxhole Farm development identified the wider landscape as supporting bat foraging and commuting activity, reflecting the importance of the existing network of fields, hedgerows and woodland edges. The incremental loss of open land, together with increased lighting and other urban influences arising from adjoining developments, should be assessed across the combined sites rather than as isolated impacts.

Finally, I share the concern that the proposal would contribute to the gradual erosion of the rural setting of nearby heritage assets, including listed buildings and the Bolney Conservation Area. Whilst individually modest, developments of this nature have a cumulative effect on the historic character of the village which should not be underestimated.

For these reasons, and for those set out by Bolney Parish Council and in my wife's representation, I respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

Kind regards