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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 06/01/2025 3:27 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Slaugham Garden Nursery Staplefield Road Slaugham Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6AG
Proposal:	Proposed conversion of barn to residential use to create 1 2-bedroom dwelling. Removal of existing hardstanding and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	Naylands Slaugham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>I object to the development for the following reasons:</p> <p>1) The application fails to meet the requirement of DP15 that the setting be enhanced by the development. It is wrong in principle to include within this the tidying of a site filled by the landowner with building debris and waste; in any event, this is not enhancement of the site by virtue of the development, as the site can be tidied without any development.</p>

2) The proposed development does not meet the requirements within DP16 to maintain an appropriate settlement pattern.

3) The proposed development is contrary to DP26. It is not "well designed"; does not "reflect the distinctive character" of the surrounding villages and countryside; is not "of high quality design and layout"; is not designed with a frontage facing the street/public open space"; does not "create a sense of place"; does not create a "pedestrian-friendly layout"; does not "encourage community interaction" and does not "optimise the potential of the site to accommodate development".

4) At page 9 of the 3 October 2024 D&A Statement, the applicant states that applications do not need to comply with each and every policy. This is wrong, save where there are competing policies or where it can be shown that a particular policy aim is unimportant or outweighed by another policy aim. In particular, the requirement for good and appropriate design in DP26 is expressed as mandatory - "ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT...(meets the requirements listed)".

5) This also reflects the requirement in NPPF paragraph 84 to avoid isolated homes in the countryside (which would include this development) save where (c) they involve the reusing of a redundant or disused building AND enhance the immediate setting (reflected also in DP15). Again, enhancement of the setting cannot include removal of debris and waste from a deliberately neglected and misused site.

6) These elements of the application must be seen in the context of the absence of any housing requirement for the Slaugham Parish under DP6.

Kind regards