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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 September 2026 17:13
To: planninginfo
Subject: Objection to Planning Application DM/26/2178 - land between 149 & 161 College Lane

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Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to object to Planning Application DM/26/2178, concerning the proposed construction of six dwellings on land between 149 and 161 College Lane, Hurstpierpoint.

I have a number of concerns about this proposal, particularly the permanent loss of open and agricultural land and the impact this could have on wildlife, biodiversity and the rural character of our historic village.

I am also concerned about the additional pressure on drainage and sewerage systems, increased surface-water runoff, and the effect of further development on already stretched local services such as schools and healthcare.

College Lane is narrow and has limited pedestrian pavements. Additional homes will inevitably mean more traffic, making existing concerns about road and pedestrian safety even more significant. These issues should be considered alongside the other developments already approved or proposed along College Lane, including DM/24/1139.

The previous planning history of this area, including APP/D3830/W/14/3001881 and 13/01250/FUL, should also be taken into consideration.

My biggest concern is the cumulative impact of allowing development on individual parcels of land. What may appear to be a small development in isolation can, over time, result in the gradual loss of the open countryside and create an increasingly built-up stretch towards Hurstpierpoint College. Once this land has been developed, it cannot be restored.

I also believe the Council should carefully consider whether the private financial gain from developing this land is justified when balanced against the long-term environmental, infrastructure and community impact.

For these reasons, I strongly object to this application and respectfully ask that it be refused.

Please can I ask that I receive confirmation that my objections have been received and are being taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

