

From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 24 September 2025 22:55:46 UTC+01:00
To: "planninginfo" <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2223

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/09/2025 10:55 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Juhring And Hobbs Field At Saint Hill Manor Saint Hill Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	Hard paved car park with 121 spaces and toilet facilities adjacent to Saint Hill Road. Hard paved access road servicing both Juhring and Hobbs fields. Engineered grass surfaced provision of 619 spaces for temporary parking for specific events in Juhring field. Re-contouring of Hobbs field with grassed surface and provision of permanent pads for a marquee together with washroom facilities and substation with backup generator.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Address:	Martinsfield East Grinstead
----------	-----------------------------

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We regularly attend the Gala Charity Concert and Summertime Swing events and have also been to the Easter Egg hunt and other public events at Saint Hill.

Especially when the weather is wet it is obvious that more hard parking is needed; in any case, a larger area of organised parking, and improved access, are needed for the volume of traffic that turns up and leaves for events through the year. These are significant local events that have been going on for many years and which are attended by thousands of people from all over the local area (in the case of the Charity Concert) and all over the country (Summertime Swing), with big names performing. This in addition to the annual Scientology gathering which brings thousands more visitors including many from abroad to East Grinstead.

It makes sense that an established community venue should offer appropriate parking and entry/exit facilities. I am usually in favour of less paving where possible but in this instance I think the improvement to East Grinstead's facilities and reputation outweigh the loss of grass in the 121-space paved parking area and for access roads, and so I support these developments and the proposed changes in Hobbs field. I also know that the Saint Hill grounds are managed in a nature-friendly way overall and think an engineered grassed parking space in the larger Juhring field parking area is highly appropriate.

Kind regards