

Katherine Williams

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**Sent:** 07 July 2026 23:14  
**To:** Katherine Williams  
**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/2473

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/07/2026 11:13 PM.

Application Summary

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| Address:      | Warninglid Primary School Slaugham Lane Warninglid Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5TJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Proposal:     | Proposed conversion and change of use of the existing former school into two dwellings with associated garaging/car ports, removal of existing flat roofs, portacabin and other playground structures. Construction of two detached dwellings with associated garaging within the existing former school field. New entrance onto highway and associated hard and soft landscaping. (Amended plans and supporting documents received 11/06/2026, 28/05/2026, 21/05/2026, 19/05/2026, and 14/05/2026) |
| Case Officer: | Katherine Williams                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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Customer Details

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| Address: | Warninglid Residents' Society Seaforth Hall, Cuckfield Lane, Warninglid, Haywards Heath |
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Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Local amenity society or association                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Comments:            | <p>The WRS at the last meeting on 16th June, voted to object to the 2 new houses on the basis that they were to be connected to the public sewage system. It was also noted that it is a Non-Designated Heritage Asset. Many residents attended the school and worked at the school and on that basis ask that the bell-cote be retained as well as the brick boundary wall to mark the 140 years that it was a village school.</p> <p>The Warninglid sewage system has an engineer who attends to the plant twice a week. On Tuesday 16th, prior to our meeting, there were 6 engineers there and in the three weeks since then, not only has Southern Water been deploying several engineers but also several tankers to extract and remove sewage. The system is at capacity and SW is struggling to keep it working. It is so busy there now, that a portable loo has been delivered to the site.</p> <p>The Warninglid sewage works (SW reference ID: WAID) was built to serve a population of 230. The pipe works only cover 2.25km and serve 70 households. These residents are extremely</p> |

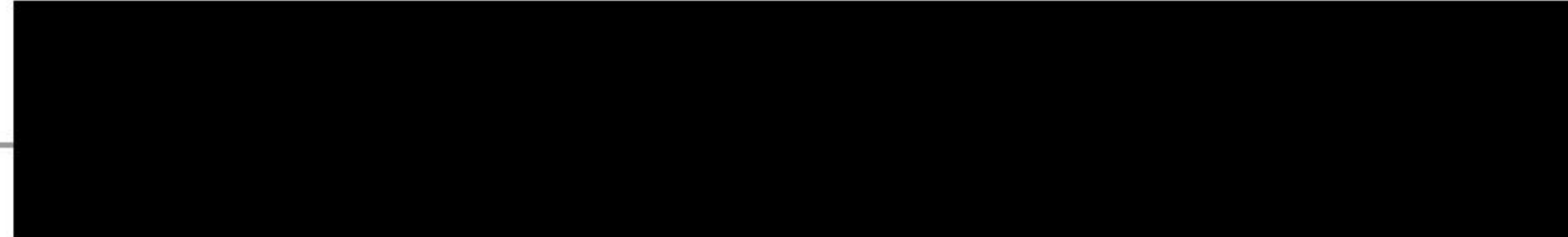
worried that 2 additional houses (4 bedrooms each) will put the system out of action. A single average 4 bedroom house uses 164000 litres pa. Compare 4 houses like that (656000 litres pa) to the usage of when it was a school with only 190 school days each year; calculate 190 days x 60 pupils x 3 flushes a day = 205200 litres.

There is also the question of run off and soakaways. Neither should be allowed to be connected to the sewage system. Drainage should be examined.

Southern Water policy states that no new houses should be built within 500 metres of a sewage plant due to odours yet the two additional houses are approx. 350 metres away.

In conclusion the WRS has no objection to the conversion of the school. We would not object to the two new-build houses if they are instructed to provide a private sewage system ie Klargester and a reliable drainage plan.

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Kind regards