

Katherine Williams

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Sent: 16 August 2026 19:11
To: Katherine Williams
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1771

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/08/2026 7:10 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off Scamps Hill Scaynes Hill Road Lindfield West Sussex
Proposal:	A reserved matters application (access within site, appearance, layout, scale and landscaping) for 87 dwellings and associated infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	The Lindfield Society 36 High Street Lindfield Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Local amenity society or association
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	The Lindfield Society originally opposed the application to build up to 90 dwellings on this site most notably because the site falls outside the previously defined built-up boundary of Lindfield and contravenes numerous District Plan policies. Having failed to convince MSDC or the Planning Inspector that permission should be refused, the Society now seek to ensure that the development is of the highest possible standard and causes minimal damage to the local environment. On Scamps Hill itself, the proposals show that an excessive amount of existing hedgerow is planned to be removed. Clearly some existing hedgerow needs to be removed to facilitate safe access to the site but MSDC should ensure that this is minimised and not done to simply maximise the visibility of the development from Scamps Hill. The quality of design of the individual housing types is disappointing. In many cases, windows are too small, leading to facades having 'uncomfortable' proportions - the Society do not accept that compliance with Part L of the Building Regulations cannot be achieved with larger windows. Also the 'uncomfortable' proportions are exacerbated by oversized roofs which

appear out of scale with the buildings.

Notwithstanding the problems with scale, the combination of materials and colours proposed leads to the development having an unnecessarily oppressive appearance overall. This could be alleviated in part by having a greater colour contrast between brickwork and tile hanging. It is claimed that renewable-energy systems will be deployed throughout, such as air-source heat pumps and solar photovoltaics but there is no indication at this stage of how extensive this will be and the impact on building aesthetics. The Society suggest that MSDC seek more information on this at this stage to ensure their incorporation.

Finally, the application refers to the parkland area and LEAP (local equipped area for play) being accessible to the community. Given the site's location, access for the community may prove limited as no visitor parking for young parents is provided. In the Society's opinion, MSDC should review the requirement for some visitor parking associated with the LEAP.



Kind regards