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To: "Joseph Swift" <joseph.swift@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 13/02/2026 11:46 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	The erection of 44 new homes with access from West Hoathly Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works.
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address:	Imberley Coombe Hill Road East
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We agree with the (as of writing) 133 letters out of 137 of the public response with all their many reasons for objecting to this opportunistic application for the erection of 44 new houses. We believe that the structures set in place at the moment are being ignored and belittled. Page 44 of the Planning Statement implies that - with there being no relevant development plan or out of date then it is permissible to build almost anywhere. However this site currently lies outside the 'Built up Area' boundary in the Mid Sussex District Plan.

The site is also within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We understood that this status was of quite significant importance with regard to planning. Upon reading the Planning Statement conclusion this status does not even get a mention! Any development in an AONB should conserve and enhance its natural beauty. This proposed development certainly does neither. 44 houses to replace a green field cannot be considered to be an improvement in the AONB however one looks at it. The site is on the edge of the AONB but it is still in it, if the perimeters are not respected then over time there will be nothing left to preserve. We therefore strongly object to the application due to the damage it will do to this area of the AONB which should be viewed as an irreplaceable asset to East Grinstead.

In addition West Hoathly road is in a constant state of disrepair not helped by flooding at the bottom of the hill, pavements are very narrow as is the road and unsuitable for additional traffic. Heading south the road narrows to one vehicle due to the rock formation on either side and there is no alternative as Coombe Hill Road is private for the use of residents.

GP Surgeries, schools and water supplies are also under considerable pressure with the current housing and piling more houses onto struggling systems will not fix them. We object to this application for 44 ne houses or indeed any houses on this green field.

Kind regards