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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/2178

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/09/2026 9:25 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Between 149 And 161 College Lane Hurstpierpoint West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection 6no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping, parking and areas of open space.
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	86 Dale Avenue Hassocks West Sussex
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Comments Details

Comment er Type:	Neighbour or general public
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Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
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Reasons
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comment:

Comment s:	I am writing to object to this planning proposal on the following grounds: 1. Random speculative and opportunistic planning proposals such as this one represent a miniscule contribution to the overall housing needs for Mid Sussex. Any consideration of such proposals must be managed through an overall carefully coordinated strategy for combined housing and infrastructure development planning across the entire southern section of the District where it
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abuts the South Downs National Park (which is itself attempting to shoe-horn in small, fragmented housing developments on the periphery of towns like Hurstpierpoint and Hassocks simply to meet its own quota for new housing, seemingly without reference to the large scale housing developments already under way or planned/proposed in its own Local Plan.

2. Hurstpierpoint, in common with Hassocks, Albourne and Sayers Common, has already experienced excessive housing development in the last two decades, and is set to endure even more housing development in the coming decade, with negligible material benefit to those communities in terms of the developer or the District Council actually delivering much needed expanded and improved local infrastructure and services.

3. The proposed development site falls outside the recognised settlement boundary for Hurstpierpoint. Any development here would lead to the slow destruction of the special character of immediate Hurst Wickham area, and ripple impacts being felt and seen in adjacent communities

4. The development encroaches into open countryside towards Hassocks and Burgess Hill and threatens to reduce further the necessary separation between the three communities, a situation which is already under threat from existing large housing development plans outlined in the to-be-approved Mid Sussex Local Plan.

5. College Lane itself is a highly unsuitable and high-risk location on which to develop any additional housing, due to its nature as a narrow country lane where necessary on-road residential parking reduces carriageway width, and where traffic flow and access for the emergency services is routinely constrained along College Lane between Malthouse Lane/ Chalkers Lane and Hassocks Road/Wickham Hill.

6. This proposal for six high-value houses does not contribute in any way towards the evident local need for cheaper housing that young people born or raised in the area, and seeking to stay here, can actually afford to buy.

7. Inadequate consideration appears to have been given, and zero evidence has been presented in the planning application, to quantify and mitigate the effects of seasonal droughts and exponentially increased demand for clean water supply to this and other housing developments. Reduced mains water pressure and complete water stoppages are becoming routine in the area. Similarly, the infrastructure across this part of the District for dealing with waste water and sewerage is also struggling due to the finite capacity of the local treatment works, and failing in parts as evidenced by the recent incident on Jane Murray Way in Burgess Hill.

Of course this is a much bigger issue than this single planning application, but if MSDC and its partners have no remedy for this issue, it surely cannot continue to approve such applications until one is in place and proving to be properly working.

I urge the District Council to support and respect the wishes of its own residents above the unrepresentative machinations of central Government, and reject this planning application and others like it in order to protect the best of why most people choose to live in this lovely area.

Where
did you
hear
about this
applicatio
n?

Not specified

Kind regards