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To: "Joanne Fisher" <joanne.fisher@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/0445

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/03/2025 8:47 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Colwell Farm Lewes Road Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for up to 80 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, infrastructure and vehicular and pedestrian accesses.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Lark Rise Close Lindfield Lindfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Here is your 350-word summary: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/0445 - Colwell Farm, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath I strongly oppose the proposed development at Colwell Farm and urge the council to reject it due to its significant environmental, historical, and infrastructural impacts. Environmental & Ecological Concerns

The site is untouched meadowland, home to diverse and rare wildlife, including endangered birds, mammals, reptiles, and invertebrates. It features a rare south-facing microclimate, ancient woodland, hedgerows, and mature trees, forming part of a vital green corridor stretching from Ardingly through Lindfield to Scaynes Hill and beyond. Development would irreparably damage this ecosystem and harm the local conservation area.

Historical & Cultural Significance

This land has historical importance dating back to Neolithic times, linked to charcoal production and iron smelting. Nearby Slugwash Lane derives its name from this industrial past, and ancient pathways still traverse the woods. The area's heritage includes listed buildings such as a 19th-century villa and a Sussex barn, which would be negatively impacted by development.

Infrastructure & Safety Issues

The site lacks pedestrian and cycle connections to Haywards Heath, Lindfield, or Scaynes Hill. Access would be via the A272, a heavily congested and dangerous road used by HGVs, buses, and commuter traffic. Increased traffic would exacerbate safety risks and congestion. Additionally, the site is in a flood risk area, and disrupting natural water flows could severely damage adjacent woodland.

Community & Amenity Impact

The area is a valued open space where residents enjoy the countryside and dog walking. The development would destroy this natural amenity while altering the character of Lewes Road, which currently features large properties with historic significance.

Conclusion

The proposed development is entirely unsuitable due to its environmental, historical, and infrastructural constraints. We urge the council to reject the application to protect the landscape, wildlife, and community integrity of this area.

Kind regards