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Sent: 24 February 2026 09:48:05 UTC+00:00
To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/3129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/02/2026 9:48 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 125 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	7 Foxwarren Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I live in Haywards Heath and drive along the Balcombe Road route out of town on an almost daily basis. I believe the proposed extension of the roundabout and the development of 125 houses will negatively affect the already busy route and directly affect my ability to navigate an already greatly increased traffic impacted area. The proposed plans concern me as they are located on an area

where there is already evidence of groundwater flooding, as well as fluvial from the Scrase River. The recent spell of very wet weather since the start of January has caused flooding on local roads in the Town, leading to pot holes and eroding of verges. The introduction of more hard surfaces in the form of roads, pavements and handstanding areas can only exacerbate the growing problem.

In particular, I am greatly concerned by the proposal to build on countryside as I highly value this national and community asset. This area is blessed with countryside rich in diversity and it is enjoyed by the residents of the nearby town, as well as neighbouring villages. I believe that surveys have been conducted and several protected species (dormice and specific species of bat) have been located on the land on which the proposal is to build so many homes. As these are legally protected, the developers are required to provide sensitive and thorough plans before development is approved, to mitigate the damage to the local environment and to protect the habitat of the species. In 2022 an independent landscape report warned that the development of 60 houses on this area would cause significant harm to the countryside of the High Weald area, of which the proposed site is adjacent. Now the developers propose an increase to 125 houses, more than double the amount originally considered. As someone who walks on the public footpaths in and around the Borde Hill Lane area, I can appreciate the value that it provides not only inhabitants and visitors, but the natural environment that is home to diverse species. Once destroyed, they will not return.

Lastly, the impact of the roundabout expansion and the building works will be felt by all of us who recall the experience of the original building of the Penland estate and the new road layout. I was directly impacted as this was - and remains - my main route in and out of the town. The heavy plant and construction materials being directed along country roads, the closure of Borde Hill Lane and the lack of access to my home area was highly inconvenient and it is unacceptable that we should be subjected to a repeat of this.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Kind regards