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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 09/02/2026 2:30 PM.

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: Little Hollybush West Hoathly Road East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to object to the planing application for 44 new houses on Land Off West Hoathly Road. I understand that the site for the proposed development is a field which is in the Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB) and outside of the built up area of East Grinstead. As such, it is not intended for and totally unsuitable for a large number of houses and new town residents.

I understand that the plan includes a road that leads out of the current development into a neighbouring field. One can only presume that this is to make it easier for future development. If future development is not intended on these fields then this should be explained and committed to in this application. If future development is intended, that needs to be addressed in this application. Allowing development here sets a precedent for this developer and future neighbouring developments.

The site is located on a very narrow stretch of road. It is a very dangerous stretch of road and is already terrifying for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, especially those with children. The road has only a very narrow pavement on one side of the road. The pavement is on the opposite side of the road from the proposed development. This will force all pedestrians to cross an extremely dangerous road with no crossings and insufficient visibility of on-coming traffic presenting a high risk of accidents. Additionally, public transport is poor in this area, pedestrian and cyclist access is severely restricted and unsafe and so cars are the only viable option. The development will result in least an extra 88 cars on the road each day (two per house plus non regular cars). West Hoathly Road and nearby roads are terribly potholed and are completely unsuitable for the current amount of traffic that uses them, let alone any more traffic. The area is also prone to flooding, which makes using the road, especially when the water covers the potholes, even more dangerous. Regardless of any further development in this area, the roads need significant improvement and I cannot see that any steps are currently being undertaken by the local authorities to do this, nor are these considerations addressed in this application.

There is a lovely nursery across the road and a preschool a little bit further along the road from the site. The development will ruin the semi rural location the children currently enjoy.

In January, East Grinstead was without water for five days. There is not enough water in the town for current residents and I can't understand how there can be any further increase in the population until the water situation is improved.

It is almost impossible to get a GP appointment. In November, I was told to take my baby to Urgent Care at Crawley on two separate occasions because Modality Mid Sussex did not have any available appointments. This is terrifying. It is not fair on current residents to have their access to already limited GP appointments further diminished or fair on new residents to be coming into an area where GP access is so poor. There are no NHS dentist spots available for adults in the area.

There are a number of current and proposed developments in East Grinstead and this has been the case for a number of years. However, I have seen virtually no improvement in any of the

town's roads, amenities, public services or facilities, despite the population and number of houses continuing to increase. In fact, they seem to have got worse. The town is not suitable for any further increase in population or houses without these being significantly improved.

Green spaces are disappearing and this development will result in the loss of another green space - this is counter intuitive to the emphasis on sustainability and protecting the environment that various levels of Government are encouraging and requiring.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Kind regards