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Thank you for your letter dated 17th April 2026 advising that a revised planning application has been submitted in respect of the above.

I have read the revised documents and the minor changes proposed. These do not alter my original objections (summarised below). I therefore continue to strongly object to this planning application.

My objection is based on the following material planning considerations:

1. Traffic and Highway Safety

The proposed development would significantly increase traffic on Balcombe Road and surrounding local roads, which are already under pressure. The proposed access arrangements and roundabout modifications raise concerns regarding congestion, road safety, and suitability for increased vehicle movements.

2. Impact on Local Infrastructure

The scale of the development (over 100 dwellings) would place additional strain on local infrastructure, including GP services, schools, drainage systems, and public transport. There is insufficient evidence that existing infrastructure can accommodate this level of growth.

3. Harm to Landscape and Setting

The site lies on the edge of Haywards Heath and contributes to the rural character and setting of the area. The development would result in urbanisation of open land, adversely affecting landscape character and views.

4. Environmental and Ecological Impact

There are concerns regarding loss of biodiversity, impact on wildlife habitats, and insufficient mitigation measures. Development of this scale risks long-term environmental harm.

5. Overdevelopment and Density

The proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site, with a density that is not in keeping with the surrounding area. This would negatively affect the character and appearance of the locality.

6. Drainage and Flood Risk

There are concerns about surface water drainage and flood risk, particularly given existing local issues. The application does not adequately demonstrate how these risks will be mitigated.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that Mid Sussex District Council refuse planning permission for application DM/25/3129.

Yours faithfully,

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