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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 September 2026 21:05
To: planninginfo
Subject: Objection to planning Edwin Street DM/26/1963

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Dear Planning Department,

I am writing as a resident of 53 Edwin Street, Burgess Hill, and formally register my **strong objection** to planning application **DM/26/1963** for the construction of nine residential dwellings.

I would like to outline the significant concerns that myself and other residents have regarding this proposed development.

1. Existing congestion and residential pressure

This is already a heavily congested and densely populated residential area. Adding a further nine dwellings, together with additional vehicles and residents, will inevitably increase traffic, parking pressures, congestion and pollution within an area that is already struggling with these issues.

There have already been incidents and near-miss accidents involving vehicles and pedestrians/residents, and concerns regarding congestion in the Hammonds Ridge/Edwin Street area have previously been raised and reported.

2. Impact on wildlife, trees and the natural environment

The proposed development would result in the loss or disturbance of existing open land, trees and natural habitat. This area provides an important environment for wildlife and nature, and further development could have a significant adverse impact on biodiversity and the character of the area.

At a time when there is increasing emphasis on protecting green spaces, biodiversity and reducing environmental impact, we question whether developing this small area of open land for additional housing is appropriate.

3. Increased noise, traffic and pollution

The additional nine properties will inevitably generate more vehicle movements, parking, noise and pollution. This will increase the carbon footprint of the area and further obstruct an already congested residential environment.

4. Significant disruption during construction

We are extremely concerned about the lengthy construction period and the impact this will have on existing residents. Construction vehicles, heavy plant machinery, deliveries, dust, noise and general construction activity will cause considerable disruption and stress. My property is next to the gate entrance to the site and disruption shall impact me considerably

This is also particularly concerning for elderly residents, vulnerable people, families and young children who currently live in what is a relatively quiet residential community.

5. Road and pedestrian safety

The existing roads and access arrangements are already extremely limited. Residents have experienced congestion and near-miss incidents, and we are concerned that additional construction traffic and, ultimately, vehicles belonging to nine additional households will make these safety issues considerably worse.

6. Loss of valuable open/community space

Rather than using this limited area solely for further residential development, we believe consideration should be given to whether it could provide a genuine benefit to the existing community, such as a children's play area, community space or other facility that would support the wellbeing of local families and young people.

We therefore ask whether this development genuinely adds value to the existing community, or whether it is primarily a development opportunity for financial gain.

7. Impact on the character and wellbeing of the community

Residents chose to live in this area because of its relatively quiet, residential and environmentally pleasant character. The proposed development would fundamentally change that environment through increased traffic, noise, pollution and the loss of open land.

We strongly believe that the wellbeing of existing residents must be properly considered alongside the need for additional housing.

Serious concerns regarding the submission of objections

I also wish to raise a **very serious concern regarding the council's planning website and the ability of residents to submit their objections.**

Several residents, including myself, have repeatedly attempted to submit comments through the planning application webpage, but have encountered technical problems which have prevented comments from being successfully submitted.

The planning application webpage currently appears to show **zero comments**, which we know is not an accurate reflection of the number of residents who have attempted to object.

We were subsequently provided with a direct email address for Stefan Galyas and have also attempted to submit our objections by email, but again have experienced difficulties and have not received confirmation that our objections have been received.

As the deadline for comments is **4 September 2026**, this is extremely concerning. Residents should not be disadvantaged or prevented from exercising their right to comment on a planning application because of technical problems with the council's submission system.

I therefore formally request that this email is treated as my objection to planning application **DM/26/1963** and that it is recorded against the application.

I would also ask that the council investigate the technical problems with the online planning system and ensure that **all residents who have attempted to submit objections are given the opportunity for their comments to be properly recorded and considered**, particularly where the technical difficulties have been outside of residents' control.

Please confirm receipt of this email and confirm that my objection will be formally recorded against planning application **DM/26/1963**.

I would appreciate a response explaining how the council intends to address the technical issues that have prevented residents from submitting their objections before the deadline.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We strongly request that the concerns of existing residents are properly considered before any decision is made regarding this proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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