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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 26/01/2026 11:25 AM.

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:	Fieldways Coombe Hill Road East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I strongly object to this application. This is a Greenfield site within an AONB. That in itself should be reason enough to refuse any development considering the wholly negative effect this would have on people currently living in the immediate surrounding environment. It's impossible to reconcile this with the stated objective to conserve or enhance the natural Beauty of the area.

Numerous concerns arise around the following points.

Drainage: there is already a struggle for adequate drainage in the vicinity, a constant concern for us living in the area.

Traffic: The road is narrow and traffic volume currently low even though it has become something of a rat run at times of greater congestion in the town. It's impossible to imagine it being adequate for the construction let alone the ongoing use by 44 households. With an infrequent (not daily) bus service on the road this would be a car dependant community with potentially 90 vehicles present.

Light pollution: would be totally transformative for current local residents

Noise pollution: as above

Social Service support: a lack of adequate supporting social infrastructure, schools, doctors for the proposed additional households seems evident

Safety: Directly opposite a day school for toddlers. Opposite the entrance of a very popular road for walkers and an official Public Footpath.

Overall this is wholly inappropriate development that has a numerous large and irreversibly negative effects for the community at large. It's at odds with many of the stated policies around sustainability, countryside character, adequate infrastructure, harm to the natural environment, drainage & flood risk and car dependency.

It would also seek to set a precedent for future development of more Greenfield sites opening a crack for ever more speculators to profit at the expense of the community eroding the concept of protecting our environment now and in the future. I urge the council to refuse the application.

Kind regards