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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/24/2409

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/01/2025 10:02 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Slaugham Garden Nursery Staplefield Road Slaugham Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6AG
Proposal:	Proposed conversion of barn to residential use to create 1 2-bedroom dwelling. Removal of existing hardstanding and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	Nether Ashfold Coos Lane Slaugham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to object to the proposed conversion of the barn to residential use to create 1 2-bedroom dwelling and removal of existing hardstanding and landscaping at Slaugham Garden Nursery, Staplefield, Haywards Heath, W Sussex, on the following grounds 1. The site is designated for horticultural/ agricultural purposes within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty 2. The site is some distance from the built up envelope of the

village of Slaugham, and if planning consent was granted would set a precedent for further development on adjoining land

3. The site and surrounding area is the habitat for wild life including various species of deer, badgers, bats, owls and great crested newts etc.

4. There are no day-to-day services inc. shops within reasonable walking distance from the site. As a result the, the occupiers of the dwelling would be reliant upon private motor vehicles or taxis. The nearest, infrequent bus services are c2km from the site, trains 10km and schools and doctors 3km.

5. In recent years the site has been used for dumping of c20,000 tons of material, which due to the lack of supervision by the Environmental Agency whilst the tipping was undertaken is more than likely to contain contaminates. Without the costly removal of the material or extensive decontamination, the land would not be suitable for the proposed residential use.

6. The LPA'S pre-application was considered by the Parish Council and local residents at a meeting on 5th September 2024 at which the parties resolved unanimously to object to the development.

7. Previous planning applications for residential use (DM/16/4406 and DM/17/4326) were refused and/or dismissed at appeal.

Accordingly, I consider that the proposal would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the area and would fail to conserve and enhance the landscape and scenic beauty of the High Weald AONB. As such I would request that the application is refused

Kind regards