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Sent: 29 September 2026 15:46:31 UTC+01:00
To: "Katherine Williams" <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Service request - SR/26/3820 Alders Farm Brighton Road Hurstpierpoint Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9EE

Hi Katherine,

I've looked over the application and can see that the site is affected by road traffic noise from the A23. Ordinarily, a proposal for new residential accommodation in this location would be expected to be supported by an assessment of the likely health and amenity impacts arising from environmental noise, together with any necessary mitigation measures. However, such an assessment is not required as part of the Class Q prior approval process.

I also note the potential for conflict between future occupants and existing agricultural activities in the surrounding area. P4 of the National Planning Policy Framework sets out the agent of change principle and seeks to ensure that existing businesses and facilities are not subject to unreasonable restrictions as a result of the introduction of new sensitive receptors.

Should the conversion proceed, future occupants may be affected by noise and odour associated with surrounding farm activities. Whilst road traffic noise from the A23 is likely to be the dominant noise source, noise from agricultural operations and odour from livestock may also affect residential amenity. Complaints arising from such impacts could potentially result in restrictions being sought on existing agricultural activities.

I recommend that the above factors are considered when determining whether the location and siting of the building makes it otherwise undesirable for the proposed change of use from agricultural to residential.

Many Thanks,

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Please see attached Service Request
SR/26/3820

Type: Planning - consultation.

Details: Planning application consultation for application - DM/26/2238 - Alders Farm Brighton
Road Hurstpierpoint Hassocks

Proposed conversion of a barn into four residential dwelling houses.

Return by date 29th September 2026.

We would be grateful for your comments by 6th October 2026

Regards
Communities Support Team
Mid Sussex District Council