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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 July 2026 22:25
To: planninginfo
Subject: Planning Application DM/25/3129 Land at Borde Hill Lane, Haywards Heath

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to this planning application.

The latest amendments to the proposal do little to address the fundamental concerns raised by local residents. In my view, the changes are largely cosmetic and will not materially reduce the adverse impact this development will have on Haywards Heath.

While the proposed roundabout has been made smaller, this will not significantly reduce either the volume or speed of traffic using Borde Hill Lane, Hanlye Lane and Balcombe Road. These roads are already heavily used, and increased traffic will inevitably worsen congestion, road safety concerns and the overall impact on the surrounding community.

Similarly, the slight reduction in the number of proposed homes does not alter the overall scale of the development or lessen the pressure it will place on the town's infrastructure.

With the country already experiencing multiple periods of extreme heat this year, it is becoming increasingly important that essential infrastructure keeps pace with development. South East Water has spoken about increasing capacity, but no firm solution has been agreed, and any major infrastructure improvements could take many years to deliver. History has shown that long-term projections are not always reliable; when Ardingly Reservoir was built, it was said to provide sufficient household water supplies until the year 2000.

I do not believe this development provides sufficient benefit to Haywards Heath to justify the additional strain it will place on local services. Existing resources—including GP surgeries, dentists, schools, roads, policing, water supply, drainage and parking—are already under considerable pressure. Approving this application would only exacerbate these existing problems.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Council to refuse this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

