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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0131

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/02/2026 7:39 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South And West Of Upper Imberhorne School Imberhorne Lane East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission (Ref. DM/23/2699) relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 550no. new residential units.
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Newick Way 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:	This is the last surviving open green space on the western edge of East Grinstead and is popular with residents for walking and general exercise, crucial to those who work from home, have young families, have limited mobility and those who suffer with poor mental health. The appearance of the area will be significantly impacted as the natural environment will be further eroded by yet more brick and

tarmac.

The number of properties within the plan is excessive for the area in which it is proposed to be situated and will be overbearing/imposing on nearby existing properties.

The only guaranteed economic benefits of the proposal appear to be additional council tax for MSDC/WSCC, service charges payable to the developer's management company, property sales income for the developer and potential trade for local businesses, (although the latter is not guaranteed). There are no economic benefits to existing residents.

Imberhorne Lane is a narrow lane with width-restricting traffic calming measures in place between the junctions with Kingscote Way and Heathcote Drive. It was not designed or built to carry the volumes of traffic associated with 550 more dwellings. Congestion is a daily occurrence along Imberhorne Lane, with traffic regularly queueing from A22 London Road all the way back to Heathcote Drive. Additional traffic to and from the proposed development will increase traffic along Imberhorne Lane causing further congestion, delays, air pollution, noise pollution and additional hazard to children attending Imberhorne Upper School.

The proposed development will encroach on the countryside and destroy the natural habitats of local wildlife such as birds, bats, badgers, deer, field mice, voles and hedgehogs, all of which are essential to the local ecosystem and their displacement into surrounding woodland and built-up areas will pose a threat to their survival.

The local infrastructure in East Grinstead and Felbridge can barely sustain existing properties, let alone service an additional 550 dwellings. Public transport, health services and schools are already operating at capacity and the additional burden of increased residency will put a further strain on already stretched public services in the area. There is no mention of additional funding for local public services, only the council and the property developers stand to benefit from this proposed development.

The area around the proposed development site is already subject to localised flooding and additional construction will no doubt exacerbate this, with surface water displacement increasing the flood risk to surrounding existing properties.

South East Water has recently had to pay out compensation to many residents of East Grinstead due to a water service outage over several days in January 2026. The addition of 550 more dwellings is a huge risk to a water service which is already struggling to serve existing residents.

The concentration of residents across 550 dwellings on the

proposed site will inevitably result in increased levels of anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder, as is typical of any development of this size in close proximity to an existing town or city.

Kind regards