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Sent: 28 February 2026 17:12:39 UTC+00:00
To: "Steven King" <steven.king@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 28/02/2026 5:12 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Parcel At Bolney Road Ansty West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed erection of 34 new homes with access from Marwick Close, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works.
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	13 Upton Drive Ansty West Sussex
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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 planning application on the following basis: Its sole entrance is via Marwick Close. This road is accessed from Upton Drive and these road quite simply cannot sustain an extra 34 homes' worth of cars. The only exit has two blind turns to consider when joining the main road, which already regularly cause a queue of cars when trying to leave Upton Drive. There is also regular traffic build-up on Bolney Road with cars trying to cross the lane and enter Upton Drive. Whilst I appreciate that a

transport survey has been carried out, they do not live here on a day-to-day basis to see the impact that just under half the number of proposed homes have on the road. An almost 200% increase would make the traffic coming in and out of Upton Drive unbearable, especially for the homes at the entrance to the road. To the point in the documents about buses, the buses from Ansty in any direction stop before 6pm and only come 4 times a day before that so all movement beyond those precise timing would rely on individuals walking along a poorly maintained path, poorly lit path to Cuckfield for additional bus services, cycling or driving. There are almost no facilities in Ansty itself for day-to-day life beyond a petrol station with an overpriced shop. This means either driving to Haywards Heath or Burgess Hill and clogging up an already busy junction leaving Upton Drive and again at Ansty Cross or relying on delivery services which aren't guaranteed.

The heavy reliance on the services in Cuckfield noted in the planning documents is also unsustainable. As the majority of transportation would be via car to Cuckfield this will add to an already restricted road in and out of Cuckfield with it regularly being reduced to effectively a single lane due to cars parked in the road and causing a build up of traffic. Facilities in Cuckfield are often oversubscribed, often with long waits for simple services such as getting a repeat prescription.

Any realistic use of facilities will be via Haywards Heath or Burgess Hill, which are again only freely accessible via car adding to the burden on the road. In every direction out of Ansty we can see damage to the roads that aren't being addressed and instead we're looking to add more of a strain to the network. This won't be just the cars when the homes are finished but also the heavy machinery, deliveries and staff required to build these homes.

The local infrastructure already struggles with the existing homes. We've had a hosepipe ban well into the winter months due to the strain on our water supply and I note that no documents are available from South East Water supporting the application. To add additional burden to an area that's already struggling with its water supply is bordering on negligent and puts current residents at risk. This doesn't include the strain on other utilities such as power, to an area that's suffered with numbers power cuts that have lasted almost 6 hours in some cases, or the impact on the telecoms network. Our internet and phone signal are already dire without adding 34 homes worth of usage onto an already struggling service. This is a well noted issue given that even our MP has reached out regarding the problem.

Whilst I understand there is a need for homes it should not come at the detriment of those already living in the area which this new development would cause. I hope the local authority can see the burden this will place on the existing residents and refuse the application.

Kind regards