

Steven King

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Sent: 12 March 2026 08:59
To: Steven King
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0303

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/03/2026 8:59 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Land North Of Borers Arms Road Copthorne West Sussex RH10 3LH

Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access for the demolition of an existing commercial building and the erection of up to 260 dwellings, up to 1,700sqm of employment floorspace E(c)(iii), E(g)(i)(ii)(iii), car parking, landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Copthorne Bank and Borers Arms Road.

Case Officer: Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: Maidenbower Infant School Harvest road Crawley

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local amenity society or association

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Comment in Objection to the Proposed Housing Development in Copthorne

I am writing to object to the proposed housing development in Copthorne, both as a local resident and as the Headteacher of Maidenbower Infant School, which already supports an overspill of children from the village.

The schools in Copthorne are oversubscribed every year, with far more children needing places than the local provision can accommodate. As a result, many families are forced to look outside their own village for school spaces. At Maidenbower Infant School, we regularly admit between four and six children each year who have been unable to secure a place in their local Copthorne school.

This situation places additional strain on families. The daily commute twice a day can be challenging, and several parents have shared with me that the journey often leaves their child unsettled by the time they arrive at school. Delays on the route can also lead to lateness, which further disrupts children's routines and learning.

As a Headteacher, I strongly believe that children benefit enormously from attending school within their own community, where they can form friendships, take part in local activities, and feel a sense of belonging where they live. When children are displaced from their community for schooling, these opportunities are significantly reduced.

Adding yet more housing in Copthorne, without adequate investment in local infrastructure-particularly school places-will only intensify an already unsustainable situation. The small number of available places in Copthorne's schools cannot meet current demand, let alone support the increased population that new housing would bring.

For these reasons, I urge you to consider the serious and long-term implications of this development on local education provision and the wellbeing of Copthorne's children and families.

Yours Sincerely

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Kind regards