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To: "Joseph Swift" <joseph.swift@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 21/01/2026 10:31 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	The erection of 44 new homes with access from West Hoathly Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works.
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address:	Fairfield House 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:	The proposed development is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) near to ancient woodland would impinge on the AONB and would degrade the area. The criteria set by yourselves for development in an AONB in your published Plan are not met - this proposal neither 'conserves nor enhances natural beauty' and it significantly and negatively impacts on the 'historic landscape character and local distinctiveness, sense of place and setting of the AONB' not least because it intensifies housing and changes the nature of the area.

This development removes green space - a critical aspect of the AONB. It would result in a very crowded residential environment, completely out of keeping with both the AONB and the local area. Your commitment to maintain the sense of place and setting of the area would conflict with this development and change the nature of the environment with intense housing and car parking. This would fundamentally alter the nature of the area.

The development would set a dangerous precedent. This precedent could allow other developers to buy properties or land with the sole aim of cramming in housing developments, thereby destroying the AONB and the precious environment.

The development's impact on our country environment will reduce our house prices, both because of the cramped nature of the proposal on current green space and because of the concern that it will open the door to developers taking over other green space. Coombe Hill Road is a small country private road with considerable existing problems relating to drainage. A new development would increase these problems.

The Road is barely able to cater for the traffic that currently uses it. The increased levels of traffic would be unsustainable for our road.

The site is near to a nursery and the additional traffic would present a danger to the children who use the nursery, as well as bring safeguarding issues in relation to access. That part of the road is a public footpath used by many residents and non-residents to walk with small children and dogs. The additional traffic would also provide a risk to them.

Kind regards