

Joseph Swift

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2026 15:04
To: Joseph Swift
Subject: DM/26/0073 Further objection to the proposed development West Hoathly road East Grinstead

Dear Mr Swift I hope this finds you well?

I have tried to post this formal objection via the portal but there seems to be a server issue. Could you confirm receipt and post it accordingly? I will keep trying the portal

Thanks for your attention

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Dear Mr Swift

Proposed Development on West Hoathly road East Grinstead

Ref DM/26/0073 for the Design and access addendums July 2026.

Formal Objection

I write to record another formal objection to this development, and the Addendums submitted July 2026.

Please treat this objection as further to my previous objection submitted earlier in the year. Those objections remain very pertinent in full and remain unanswered by this planning application

Planning Policy

Broadly this addendum doesn't appear to address any of the significant Planning policy conflicts.

With the proposed site still being outside of the dedicated Built-up Area Boundary and in the defined AONB High Weald National Landscape Area of Outstanding natural Beauty.

- The planning Policies DP6, DP12, DP15 and DP16 refer and are clearly referenced by the council as required policies to be adhered to within the scope of this application.
- There remains significant conflict.

The highest priority should be given to the impact of any proposed development on the High Weald National Landscape AONB and how it should be protected.

- DP16 is further supported by the East Grinstead Neighbourhood plan EG1 where detailed consideration is documented
- EG1 also refers to a long term plan to avoid “piecemeal development proposals” which doesn’t seem to be the case.

The latest designs do suggest a small improvement in visual impact but overall the proposal still does not appear to meet the requirements as above.

- The proposal remains fundamentally a permanent large residential housing development and associated infrastructure.
- it certainly doesn’t appear to be “landscape led”
- It’s proposed location remains outside the Built-up area boundary on a protected area of national jurisdiction.
- It’s proposed location remains on a completely green field site that reflects the beauty and unique natural environment and wildlife habitat of the High Weald AONB landscape and should be preserved as such

Technical and Environmental

- **Treatment of Highways and pedestrian safety.** There doesn’t appear to be any improvement or updated technical appraisal from the Highways specialists
- A further **Heritage** report is not evident to deal with the roofline visual impact considerations for Dunnings Mill Pub. The proposed site location still encloses the Dunnings site inside a townscape
- The **Drainage/flood risk** issues identified in the LLFA report have not been clearly resolved.
Only that they are identified and will be part of a drainage strategy. This area floods already so this is a critical issue and has not been addressed.
- **Ancient priority Woodland adjacency.** the additional report refers to the concern around the proximity of the priority woodland around the south of the proposed site. There are no proposals to protect this ecosystem from degradation, harm or from flooding as above.
Changing the position of the housing would not appear to have any positive impact on this area especially regarding the flood risk

- **Biodiversity net Gain.** Areas seem to have been identified but there is no detail of what is proposed and no updated report to consider.
This is not being qualified in this proposal and so is not addressed
- **Freedom of Information request around advice given pre application**
The concerns raised by our neighbours (In their area of expertise) subsequent to the original application have not been addressed and no detail has been provided.
This is a significant concern and should be fully declared and reviewed under this process.

Loss of amenity rear of 3 Streatfield place.

My previous objection remains for our house.

As well as the other objections submitted in the first consultation

So Mr Swift thanks for your time on this matter.

Respectfully, there still appears to be many unaddressed conflicts around a lot of significant areas of the proposal.

There are some welcome minor cosmetic changes but it still doesn't resolve the key elements as listed above.

Especially that the proposal is based upon a green field site with priority woodland adjacent.

Its outside of the East Grinstead Built up area boundary on protected land identified as AONB High Weald National Landscape area.

Best regards



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