

Susan Dubberley

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Sent: 18 September 2026 15:25
To: Susan Dubberley
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/2178

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 18/09/2026 3:24 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Between 149 And 161 College Lane Hurstpierpoint West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection 6no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping, parking and areas of open space.
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Objection to Planning Application DM/26/2178
Land Between 149 and 161 College Lane, Hurstpierpoint - Proposal for 6 Dwellings

Dear Planning Office Team

I am writing to formally object to Planning Application DM/26/2178 - Land Between 149 and 161 College Lane, Hurstpierpoint - for proposed 6 Dwellings and would ask that you strongly consider my objections as below:-
Highway and pedestrian safety

College Lane is a narrow country lane, in particular the part of the lane that I reside on and have done so for the past 15 years. There are constant traffic jams/blocks on the lane close to where we live and this has a detrimental effect on the residents and those attempting to drive on the lane. There is absolutely no space to create where we live (which also happens to be a conservation area) nor the area for development and this is therefore a potentially dangerous environment for all those who use the lane. On several occasions I have personally encountered issues when walking and even driving on College Lane because of the traffic that there is already using it and this will only worsen with yet more housing developments, which

will absolutely increase the amount of traffic and will cause yet more traffic issues and danger on what was once and still should be a peaceful village country lane.

I am aware that this proposed development would introduce yet another access on to the lane. This concerns me greatly as this development will be immediately adjacent to recently approved DM/24/1139, comprising seven dwellings at 147-149 College Lane and the issues that has already caused residents on this lane is very evident. Huge lorries insist on driving down the lane, and on several occasions have actually got stuck and have had to attempt to reverse causing increased issues and our cars are constantly damaged by other traffic users and these kinds of large vehicles. I have photographic proof if required.

I strongly feel that the impact of this development needs to be properly assessed. You will be very aware that there are several development applications currently on College Lane and the surrounding area, stretching up to Malthouse Lane and Hassocks Road and these cannot be judged as individual developments as they will ultimately all be putting yet more pressure on this country lane, that is simply not built, nor can it be made bigger, to accommodate what will be a huge increase in traffic, thereby causing no end of issues, as described above.

The Environment and Infrastructure

I am very concerned about the impact that this development will have on the environment that it will destroy if the application goes ahead and the increased risk of flooding that we on College Lane suffer every year and have done for several years. This issue has not decreased and I have visibly seen it worsen over the years I have resided here. The lane itself crumbles and disintegrates when it floods and there have been several areas that have been very dangerous to drive on, with pot holes on blind bends and the council taking some months to rectify, sadly often only temporarily as the holes simply reappear. With more housing I have no doubt that this will inevitably worsen with nowhere for water to run.

This year there were major issues with raw sewage and the local water treatment not being able to cope (as I understand it). Regardless the lane was closed on several occasions, often with no notice to residents, causing great inconvenience for some week to residents on College Lane, and the surrounding roads of Cuckfield Road and Malthouse Lane. We also encountered huge tankers, that again would attempt to drive down our narrow lane to avoid Cuckfield Road when closed. This lane is not and never will be suitable for such vehicles.

There would be a permanent loss of land, trees, hedges and therefore the loss of wildlife that we know currently exists here. With the increases in buildings and driveways this can only lead to detrimental flooding and put additional pressure on the current drainage systems that are already struggling in the village and surrounding area as we have experienced firsthand. I am very concerned that there will be worse flooding/insufficient sewage infrastructure should this development go ahead, along with any further developments in this area.

I also believe that this will have detrimental effect on climate change and the loss of wildlife habitat will be devastating and will be permanently damaging to this environment. These wildlife corridors will be diminished further and the loss of land cannot bring wildlife back to the area in the same way.

This development will dramatically alter the current land outlook and the rural character of this historical and ancient village.

I am aware that the previous application relating to the same 149-161 College Lane site, associated with appeal APP/D3830/W/14/3001881, was refused approximately 12 years ago and I urge the planning team to refuse this current application also.

There are already several planning applications for College Lane. These applications should be considered as one whole and not as individual. As mentioned earlier in my objection, the cumulative effect of repeatedly allowing small developments is far more substantial and detrimental to our village. I am particularly concerned that small developments like this can set a precedent on remaining land along College lane, close to the proposed location for this application, the lane will never recover and the inevitable huge traffic increase will be in sufferable and the ever-decreasing countryside and fields will be devastating to villagers and residents like myself.

Finally I request that this application be "called in". I understand this should occur automatically

for any development application over 5 houses, however the recent 7 house development now being built on College Lane which is very close to this particular application was not called in until residents and objectors requested this.

Given all the above, I would ask that this be seriously considered and I strongly urge that Planning Application DM/26/2178 be refused.

Yours faithfully

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Kind regards