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To: "Rachel Richardson" <rachel.richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/3191

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/01/2026 7:28 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land To The South Of Burleigh Lane Crawley Down West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access from Burleigh Lane, for the erection of up to eight self-build/custom build dwellings, drainage and ancillary works.
Case Officer:	Rachel Richardson

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Customer Details

Address: Orchard Cottage, Sandhill Lane Crawley Down Crawley

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>Dear sir / madam</p> <p>I have been resident in Sandhill Lane, Crawley Down for over 40 years. This is longer than any other resident in this part of the Lane. Before that I lived in Fernhill Close, Crawley Down for 10 years. I am therefore well acquainted with Sandhill Lane & properties in Burleigh Lane accessed from it.</p> <p>Before retirement I was a Chartered Surveyor with my main office in Three Bridges but latterly with an office in East Grinstead. I</p>

graduated in Estate Management in 1957 and therefore had over 40 years experience as a local graduate surveyor & estate agent.

I am extremely surprised that a planning application has been made on land to the south side of Burleigh Lane. Having retired from the surveying profession I am now out of touch with current planning terminology, but in the days when I was in business the South side of Burleigh Lane was part of the Strategic Gap between Crawley & East Grinstead in which you would not easily permit new development. I think it was also part of the Countryside Area of Development Restraint.

With the numerous other planning applications there is a danger that our village of Crawley Down will become part of a new linear city stretching from Horsham to East Grinstead. I hope you will resist this pressure. Upon my death I hope my daughter & son will still have the opportunity to inherit a house in a rural village.

There has already been too much new development in & around my home. As a result the bird population has changed. When I moved to Sandhill Lane regular winter visitors included Redwing & Fieldfare but with all the local development they have not been seen for decades. Even more recent sitings of Pheasants are becoming a rarity. Please do not permit the erosion of this last bit of our countryside.

Burleigh Lane is one of the few routes out of the village through countryside. We cannot afford to lose this rural lane. Sandhill Lane which is the only vehicular access to this proposed development site is not a publicly maintained highway but is a private road, footpath & bridal way, maintained by the residents of Sandhill Lane. I cannot easily calculate how much I have contributed to the maintenance of the Lane in the 40 or more years I have lived here. But even with only one car, at the present rate, over 40 years I would have spent £4680 on lane maintenance. Most residents now have 2 cars thus doubling any charge. No new building should be permitted without making new house owners responsible, now & in the future, for their share of road maintenance.

Brian J. Moore
Sent from my iPad

Kind regards