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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 01/06/2026 8:29 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Selsfield Road Ardingly West Sussex
Proposal:	Reserved Matters application for consideration of consider all outstanding matters (layout, scale, landscaping and appearance) in respect of outline planning permission DM/22/1575 (and the subsequent variation of conditions 2 and 11 through permission DM/23/3250).
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address: 36 Gowers Close, Ardingly Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 35 houses on green space in Ardingly. My objection is based on the following planning grounds: Harm to the High Weald National Landscape Ardingly lies within the High Weald National Landscape (formerly the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). This designation

recognises the area's exceptional landscape character and natural beauty. The proposed development would result in the loss of open green space and would erode the rural character that contributes to the special qualities of the High Weald.

National and local planning policies require great weight to be given to conserving and enhancing the landscape and scenic beauty of designated landscapes. I do not believe this proposal adequately demonstrates how these important qualities would be protected.

Increased Flood Risk and Drainage Concerns

There are existing drainage and flooding issues within the village, particularly in the area around the play park. The loss of permeable green space and the introduction of additional hard surfaces such as roads, driveways and roofs could worsen surface water runoff and increase flood risk elsewhere in the village.

A thorough assessment should be undertaken to demonstrate that the development will not exacerbate existing flooding problems.

Traffic and Highway Safety

The village already experiences significant traffic concerns. Additional housing will inevitably generate more vehicle movements, placing further pressure on roads that are already heavily used.

Residents regularly experience speeding through the village, creating safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and children. The proposal does not appear to adequately address how increased traffic volumes will affect highway safety or how existing speeding problems will be mitigated.

Parking Pressures

Parking is already a challenge in parts of Ardingly. The addition of 35 dwellings is likely to increase demand for both on-street and visitor parking. Experience elsewhere shows that allocated parking spaces are often insufficient, resulting in overspill parking on village roads and creating further congestion and safety concerns.

Loss of Green Space and Community Amenity

The site provides valuable open space that contributes to the wellbeing of residents and the character of the village. Once developed, this green space will be lost permanently. Such areas are increasingly important for recreation, biodiversity, mental wellbeing and maintaining the distinct identity of rural communities.

Scale of Development

A development of 35 houses represents a substantial expansion for a village of Ardingly's size. The scale and density of the proposal appear out of keeping with the existing character of the

surrounding area and risk undermining the qualities that make Ardingly an attractive rural village.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that Mid Sussex District Council refuses this planning application or requires significant amendments to address these concerns.

Kind regards