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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@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 20/07/2026 4:36 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Parcel At Bolney Road Ansty West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed erection of 33 new homes with access from Marwick Close, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works. (amended plans received 25/06/2026 showing revised layout, reduction in the number of units to 33 and new footway on A272.)
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	13 Upton Drive Ansty Haywards Health
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	To whom it may concern. I strongly object to this planning application on the following grounds: - There are regular power cuts in the area due to issues with UKPN. This includes a recent cut where we were without power

for almost 14 hours and then spent a week being powered by a diesel generator in July 2026. Since this was resolved we've had several power cuts since which have also lasted multiple hours. Adding more homes to an already struggling system will not be beneficial to either existing residents, building works or new residents.

- There are water supply issues to the wider area and Ansty is particularly impacted. The impact to the village includes reduced/no water, including instances where bottled water has needed to be provided. We had hosepipe bans well into Winter 25/26 which were followed up only a few months later with a request to restrict use to washing, cooking and laundry. Without further investment into the water infrastructure it's simply unsafe to add more demand through both the water required for construction as well as daily use for the 33 new homes.

- The village is well known to have poor phone and internet signal. Without WiFi it's almost impossible to communicate via phone. Our local MP has also raised this directly with us so it's on government record that there is an issue with telecoms in the area. Doubled with the power cuts it puts residents at a detriment without adding over double the demand on the street.

- There is very little by the way of public transport or local walkable facilities meaning all residents will require the use of private cars in order to carry out day to day activities. This means traffic to the street will increase by over 150% when you consider it will be going from 20 properties to 53 using the same access road (Upton Drive) to get to and from their property. The traffic report doesn't take into account travel outside of the recorded times and the build ups that happen when you're living in an area day to day. The visibility looking out from Upton Drive onto Bolney road is poor due to the bends in both directions leading to sometimes unsafe actions as people pull into/out of Upton Drive. The small roundabout at Ansty Cross already struggles from heavy congestion at peak times. This is paired with a lack of visibility of oncoming traffic from Burgess Hill as you approach the roundabout from Upton Drive, which has left the junction feeling unsafe. It's not just the entrance to/from Upton Drive, it's also the immediate roads surrounding it that already struggle with the demand from existing residents.

- There are no facilities in the local area that are walkable beyond an overpriced petrol station shop. Almost all commutes, schooling, health, social or leisure activities have to take place outside of the village. With minimal public transport residents are required to drive putting more strain on the local roads between the village and nearby towns. Buses to and from the village are limited (between 2-4 buses across a whole day) and non-existent after 6pm so commuting using public transport is not possible. After 6pm the only way to use public transport is to walk from Cuckfield

which is not safe given the state of the walkway between the two villages. The closest railway stations (Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath) are not easily accessible from the local area so anyone needing to travel via train would first need to drive there.

- The heavy construction traffic and noise will put existing residents including families with small children at a detriment as there's no other entryway beyond Upton Drive/Marwick Close. This road is not designed for the heavy machinery/deliveries that would be required, blocking the road for existing residents and would result in a poor quality of life for the duration of the build along with the stress on local infrastructure after the build is completed.

- Any day to day requirements such as schools, dentists or doctors all require going out of the village to other villages/towns who all have oversubscribed services. Getting an appointment at local surgeries is already exceedingly difficult, adding additional demand is only going to lower the quality of those services and put existing residents at a detriment. This also goes back to the transport links that using any of these will likely require additional car journeys due to the lack of public transport.

- Council services are also oversubscribed. At the moment there is a 6-month+ waiting list simply to have a garden bin collection begin, this means any new properties are unlikely to be able to access those services as well.

- I'd also like to note that the recent adjustments to the plans have only received two positive reactions. One from Burgess Hill and another from the border of Ansty/Burgess Hill on a private road. Neither of these will be impacted at all by the development.

- The prior application also includes positive support from towns that aren't even in the same county with no tie to the community or indeed any mention of Ansty/Sussex at all in their support. There are also supporting documents or from people that wanted to move to the area and couldn't. These supporting documents claim a 'small number' of increased houses would be good when this is an increase of over 150% to the existing properties at Upton Drive/Marwick Close with whom these properties would share a road. Whilst I can appreciate the frustration of not finding an available property in an area you were interested in there's also no guarantee that a house would be available when someone was searching even if more were built. These supporting comments also don't take into account a lack of facilities and where these new families/residents would work, commute, go to school or socialise given nothing new is being added to the village.

There is little point (or sense) in building properties when there is limited and struggling infrastructure meaning new residents will be

put at an immediate disadvantage and existing residents will be subject to even more detriment than we already suffer.

Kind regards