

Steven King

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Sent: 08 February 2026 17:11
To: Steven King
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/3129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/02/2026 5:11 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 125 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Aster Way Haywards Heath
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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 above planning application. This proposal would have a significant adverse impact on our local and wider community and cause considerable harm to the character of this rural setting, highway safety and local infrastructure whilst increasing traffic and noise. My reasons are set out below:

1. Impact on Local and Wider Community

Having lived in Haywards Heath for over 30 years, I believe the primary appeal of this area of Haywards Heath to prospective buyers is the quality and proximity to local schools, particularly Harlands Primary School. This proposed development would place an unsustainable burden on local primary and secondary schools that are already operating at or near full capacity, potentially leading to overcrowding and diminished educational quality.

In addition, there is already pressure on existing Health Care services, including long waiting times for appointments at GP surgeries and A&E at The Princess Royal Hospital, which serves the wider community as the only hospital.

The services from Haywards Heath train station are already crowded and at peak times there is standing room only. The area outside the train station is congested at peak times and brings that part of town to a grinding halt.

There would be additional strain on water supplies if this application was agreed, in an area where we have just had a six month hose pipe ban due to lack of water and reserves, together with local water supply issues and reduced pressures.

This application does not provide sufficient evidence that the necessary infrastructure improvements have been considered to support the development and this will impact existing residents.

2. Loss of Rural Character

his application would result in a permanent loss of open countryside on the edge of Haywards Heath which adjoins the High Weald AONB. I regularly see Red Kites hunting on the proposed development land and the loss of trees, natural hedgerow and urbanisation would displace these and other legally protected wildlife species.

This development would dramatically change the immediate environment for existing local residents and diminish the pleasure of living on the rural edge of Haywards Heath.

3. Traffic and Safety Concerns

The development would significantly exacerbate traffic and increase noise in an area already suffering from heavy congestion. Balcombe Road is currently in disrepair, with numerous potholes posing safety hazards to drivers and cyclists. The road is the main access from the northern side of Haywards Heath and remains a minor, narrow and badly lit road.

Additionally, the crossing points for pedestrians from this proposed development, indicated on the plans, are unsafe. I am concerned about pedestrians, particularly those with young children, walking down Balcombe Road towards the Train Station, Supermarkets and Town Centre, who would need to cross this already busy road three times, due to the lack of a continual footpath.

The proposed significant enlargement of the existing roundabout is disproportionate to its current rural setting. The roundabout would dominate the landscape, its two lane capacity would encourage higher traffic speeds and increase light pollution.

The local public bus service is very poor, with buses only every two hours for limited times during the day. Therefore, the choice of transport for this development would be car dependent.

Conclusion

In light of these concerns, I urge the Local Planning Authority to reject this application. The proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the character of the area, local schools, highway safety and infrastructure, reducing the quality of life for current and future residents. It is imperative that any development in our area prioritises the needs and safety of the community, ensuring that infrastructure and services can support growth without compromising standards.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust that the council will take these concerns into account when making its decision.



Kind regards