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To: "Joseph Swift" <joseph.swift@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 07/02/2026 11:21 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	The erection of 44 new homes with access from West Hoathly Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works.
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address: 19 Collingwood Close East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We strongly object to the proposed housing development at Dunnings Road/West Hoathly Road on the following grounds: 1. This is an AONB site and the National Planning Policy states that these areas are not to be disturbed except in exceptional circumstances and for the benefit of the local community. We can see no exceptional circumstances and this would certainly NOT be to the benefit of the surrounding community. It is also within the exclusion zone for Ashdown Forest as well as being outside of the permitted built up area which is stated in the current (up to 2031)

Mid Sussex District planning policy.

2. The local area supports a lot of wildlife, including badgers and endangered birds such as the yellowhammer which is red listed by the RSPB and has suffered a decline of 50% in the last 25 years. In our opinion, a housing development would have a highly negative impact on the surrounding wildlife and ancient woodlands as well as on the environment.

3. The local infrastructure is already overloaded and there has been no increase in the number of schools or doctors surgeries to cope with the extra housing which has already been built in the area.

4. South East Water is already unable to meet the current water demands, as evidenced by the recent and frequent water outages, some of which was caused by Victorian water mains bursting and some by faults in the pumping systems. The reservoirs are clearly not large enough to supply enough water in the changing climate patterns, again as evidenced by the recent hosepipe ban which was in place between July and February. The infrastructure was not built to service such a population increase. Just adding in more pipelines etc to a failing system will only exacerbate the problem and all of these issues need to be addressed and updated BEFORE any more new housing is built

5. The local area is already prone to flooding and the removal of fields and trees which soak up the increased rainfall and the building of yet more houses with hard/concrete drives and roads will only make the situation worse.

6. This road is very narrow with several bends and any increase in traffic would cause unacceptable congestion, especially during school time and also when Standen House and Gardens are in their busy periods. More cars would pose a danger to the safety of children using the schools and other facilities which are close by. The pavement between Dunnings Mill and Coombe Hill Road is extremely narrow and pedestrians often have to walk in the road to pass each other when walking in opposite directions.

7. If this planning application is approved, we believe it will set a precedent for more housing developments to be built within protected areas. There seems little point in having AONB, SSSI etc sites if they can be totally ignored by planning departments!

Kind regards