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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 08/02/2026 5:08 PM.

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:	17 Mill way Mill Way East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	A wholly unsuitable site and location for the type of development proposed. This is not a critical infrastructure project with no alternative route or siting, this is merely a commercial development. The East Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan states: 'Planning permission should be refused for major developments in these designated areas except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest.' I can

find nothing on this in the documentation.

This site also lies outside the Built-Up Area Boundary as defined in the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031.

The site lies within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which will gradually be eroded by developments like these.

The road is already struggling with unsuitable vehicles being routed through by sat nav and is used by children and families walking to school and to nursery. The footpaths are narrow and parents must pass each other by stepping into the the road. The additional traffic from the development of 44 new homes would increase risk to all pedestrians, particularly children.

As mentioned in other objections, the proposed access is on a blind bend on a narrow, dangerous, unlit road where speeding is already a problem.

The local area services are already struggling. The local NHS GP surgery, dentists and childcare are insufficient and are already at capacity.

Public transport in the area is extremely poor.

The area already is in a floodplain and suffers from regular flooding, particularly near the Old Mill Pub. The development risks worsening flooding.

The impact on demand for utilities, particularly water is of concern. With a recent loss of water for several days, due to increased demand and aging infrastructure I would be interested to understand South East Water's views on the impacts.

Overall, it is surprising that this site is being considered at all, and I am hugely disappointed in all parties involved in the decision making to this point. Especially those that claim to be serving the local residents.

Kind regards