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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Consultee Comments for Planning Application DM/25/0735

Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 16/04/2025 10:32 AM from D. Langston Parish Clerk on behalf of Parish Consultation.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/0735
Address:	Castle Inn London Road Hickstead Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5LZ
Proposal:	New crossover to South-West of site and addition of new acoustic fence to South-East boundary
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Comments Details

Comments:	Although council are supportive of the proposals to the building which is in urgent need of restoration and sympathetic improvement planning application DM/25/0735 for the new road access on to Hickstead Lane is more complicated.
	It is stated that this new access is to allow for a one-way system for leaving the car park, Council can see that this new access would be best as exit only but the existing larger road access is onto the slip road which should also be allowed as an exit for heading north towards London as this would cause the least traffic at the roundabout.
	Council has concerns about the proposed access particularly as it is not entirely clear what the benefits are, and that part of the lane is already quite congested with access points and despite the proposed speed limit is the launch point for cars leaving the

roundabout at speed. Reviewing the plans it appears the proposed splay will have a serious impact on the nearest neighbours, and this should be reviewed prior to any decision.

The lane already has speeding vehicles which impact both equestrian users and pedestrians and should permission be granted for the new access it will be another obstacle for pedestrians to negotiate if it is used by a lot of vehicles.

On this basis Council cannot support the application.

Kind regards