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Sent: 21 September 2026 15:16:42 UTC+01:00
To: "Joseph Swift" <joseph.swift@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1974

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/09/2026 3:16 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	9 Morton Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4AF
Proposal:	Variation of condition no.14 relating to planning application DM/23/0925 - addressing discrepancies in levels identified on site and an updated landscaping scheme.
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address:	1 Morton Road 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:	Dear Joseph Swift, Reference Planning Application DM/26/1974, which seeks to vary Condition 14 relating to the approved landscaping scheme at Morton Road, East Grinstead. Having reviewed the proposal, I am concerned that the application does not clearly demonstrate how the revisions to the landscaping scheme will achieve no net loss of biodiversity or comply with the

requirements of Policy DP38 (Biodiversity) of the adopted Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031, which seeks to conserve and enhance biodiversity through development.

The approved landscaping formed part of the environmental and ecological benefits associated with the original planning permission. As such, the removal or amendment of species levels has the potential to reduce the habitat value and biodiversity gains that were originally intended.

I would therefore be grateful if the applicant could be requested to provide evidence demonstrating:

- How the proposed amendments compare with the approved landscaping scheme in biodiversity terms.
- How the revised planting proposals will achieve no net loss of biodiversity.
- Whether any ecological assessment has been undertaken to quantify the impact of the proposed changes.
- What additional mitigation or enhancement measures are proposed to compensate for any reduction in planting diversity, density, or habitat value.
- Confirmation from a suitably qualified ecologist that the revised scheme remains compliant with Policy DP38 and continues to deliver the biodiversity objectives associated with the original permission.

In the absence of such evidence, it is difficult to understand how the Council can reasonably conclude that the proposed variation would maintain or enhance biodiversity in accordance with Policy DP38 of the adopted District Plan.

I would be grateful if these concerns could be taken into account during the determination of the application.

Kind regards