

Andy Watt

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Sent: 03 March 2026 22:06
To: Andy Watt
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0317

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/03/2026 10:06 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Glebelands Field Lodge Lane Bolney West Sussex
Proposal:	A phased development of up to 9 self build dwellings.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address:	[REDACTED]
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
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Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
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Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to object to this planning application.

I have lived in Bolney my entire life. This village should not be continually viewed as somewhere housing targets can be conveniently met due to the small population - it is my home. The fields around this village are where I grew up. I know every path, every hedge, every view. And I have watched, over recent years, as more and more of what makes this place special is earmarked for development.

Glebelands Field is an open, green space on the edge of the village. It is part of the character of this place. It provides the rural backdrop that we all cherish. It forms the transition between the village and the wider countryside, including the High Weald National Landscape. The Council's own officers have described these open spaces as making a "strong positive contribution" to the area's special character. Building on it would remove something that

cannot be replaced.

I understand that the applicant describes this as "contained" and "enclosed." But contained by what? By the back gardens of existing houses. That does not make it part of the village, it makes it a field surrounded by fences. The access is from Lodge Lane, which is a narrow country lane with no pavement, no lighting, and a dangerous blind bend. This is not a natural place to put houses.

I have lived through the reality of Bolney's infrastructure limitations. The power goes out. The water pressure drops. The drains struggle. These are not complaints, they are simple facts, and this is at the current village size, before a single home at Foxhole Farm has been built.

Foxhole Farm will bring 200 new houses in a village of 270. Every road, every utility, every service in this village will be under pressure that it was never designed for. And now, before any of that has been built or tested, this application asks for 9 more homes on another green field.

Where does it end? If this is approved, what stops the next field being targeted, and the one after that? The applicant talks about "organic growth." There is nothing organic about a village doubling in size in the space of a few years. Organic growth is one or two houses over a generation. This is something else entirely.

I walk Lodge Lane regularly. It is not a road that can safely serve a housing development. It is too narrow for two cars to pass. There is no footpath. The S-bend is blind and dangerous. Horse riders, dog walkers, and cyclists use it daily because it is one of the only routes out of the village to the west, the A23 blocks access to the east and the A272 to the south. Turning it into a development access road would fundamentally change its character and create real safety risks.

The electricity supply in Bolney is unreliable. Outages happen. The water system is under strain. I have seen it with my own eyes, year after year. No one has explained how the village will cope with the proposed 200 homes at Foxhole Farm, let alone another development up the hill. Until someone can demonstrate that the basic utilities can handle the growth that has already been approved, no further development should be permitted.

I am not against housing. I am against the destruction of a village that people like me call home. This field is part of Bolney's identity. Lodge Lane is not a development road. The infrastructure cannot cope.

The village has already given more than its fair share. Please refuse this application and let Bolney absorb the growth it has already been asked to take before any more is added.

Yours faithfully,



Kind regards