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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/3129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/06/2026 4:24 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 117 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access. (Amended plans and supporting statements received 15th April reducing the number of proposed dwellings to up to 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout). (Additional ecology information received 19/05/2026). (Additional highways information received 12/06/2026).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	Junipers Whitemans Green Cuckfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I object to more houses being built on this land. The proposed development of up to 117 dwellings will place

additional pressure on local water resources at a time when the region is already experiencing increasing concerns regarding water scarcity, drought conditions, and the long-term security of public water supplies. Given the increasing frequency of dry periods and the recognised pressure on water infrastructure, I feel that building 117 more houses is just going to make this situation worse. The development would also result in the urbanisation of an open greenfield site, reducing the natural capacity of the land to absorb rainfall. Meadows and grasslands perform an important role in natural drainage, groundwater recharge and flood attenuation. Replacing permeable land with buildings, roads and hard surfaces increases surface water runoff and can place additional pressure on drainage systems. This is particularly concerning given the increasing frequency of extreme rainfall events associated with climate change.

The proposal would introduce a substantial housing development into what is currently a largely undeveloped landscape. The resulting urbanisation of the site would erode the rural character of the area, diminish the visual amenity of the surrounding countryside, and reduce the amount of open green space available for wildlife and residents. The development would result in the permanent loss of undeveloped land and associated ecosystem benefits, including natural drainage, carbon storage, and habitat provision. The permanent loss of a greenfield meadow habitat cannot be fully mitigated by landscaping proposals elsewhere on the site, as the ecological value of an established meadow develops over many decades.

This application represents a major departure from the adopted development plan and would result in the loss of valuable greenfield meadow land.

Kind regards