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Sent: 08 May 2025 20:54
To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/0445

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/05/2025 8:54 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Colwell Farm Lewes Road Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for up to 80 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, infrastructure and vehicular and pedestrian accesses. UPDATED INFORMATION of highways layby plan, Transport Note, response to Ecology consultation comments and updated Landscape Visual Impact Assessment.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address:	7 Robertson Drive Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Ms. Biggs, I am writing to formally object to Planning Application DM/25/0445 regarding the proposed development of up to 80 dwellings at Colwell Farm, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath. As a resident of a recently built home opposite the proposed site, I am already experiencing the strain placed on our local infrastructure. The area is not adequately equipped to handle further development: 1. Healthcare Provision: It is virtually impossible to register with an NHS dentist or GP in Haywards Heath. The current healthcare infrastructure is already overstretched, and the addition of 80 more homes will only make this worse. 2. Utilities: We regularly experience interruptions to our water supply. This appears to be due

to an overwhelmed system that is not designed to accommodate the rapid expansion in housing. Given the low rainfall this year, potentially due to climate change, I am extremely concerned about how water provision will be ensured for additional homes.

3. Traffic and Roads: The roads in this area are already extremely busy, especially during peak hours. The proposed development could introduce approximately 160 additional vehicles, adding to congestion and increasing the risk of accidents. Furthermore, the condition of local roads is poor, with potholes being a significant issue across Mid Sussex. More traffic will only accelerate this deterioration.

4. Environmental Impact: The fields opposite the proposed site are home to a wide range of wildlife, including bats and owls. These species are vital to the local ecosystem, and bats in particular are protected under UK and EU law. I would like to request full disclosure of the ecological assessments undertaken, particularly those relating to endangered bat species. On what basis has the council determined that it is acceptable to build on this site given these considerations?

In summary, this proposal places unacceptable pressure on already strained infrastructure and threatens both our environment and quality of life. I urge the council to reconsider or reject this application until significant improvements to local services and a full environmental impact reassessment have been made.

Please confirm receipt of this objection, and I would be grateful if you could inform me of any developments regarding the application.

Yours faithfully,
Emma Curran
7 Robertson Drive, Haywards Heath, RH17 7AA

Kind regards