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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/06/2026 1:05 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of London Road Handcross West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of up to 55 dwellings, including affordable homes, together with green and blue infrastructure, vehicular access from London Road, pedestrian/cycle access from London Road, the provision of utility services structures and the demolition of an existing agricultural building.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address: 2 Tanyard Cottages Staplefield

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Ms Williams I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 55 new dwellings at in Handcross While I appreciate the need for additional housing, I have significant concerns that this development is not suitable for our village in its current form and will place unacceptable strain on an

already stretched community and infrastructure.

The scale of 55 new homes is disproportionate to the size of the village and risks fundamentally altering its rural character. The cumulative effect of ongoing development is gradually shifting the area from a small village into a much larger settlement, without the infrastructure needed to support such growth. Nearby examples such as Southwater show how rapid expansion can result in long-term issues for residents and services.

Traffic is already a serious concern locally. Handcross High Street in particular is extremely dangerous, with ongoing issues around vehicles exceeding the speed limit, heavy use by lorries, and limited safe crossing points. It can feel unsafe even at quieter times. Adding a development of this size will inevitably increase traffic volumes and exacerbate what is already a difficult situation, with very real implications for road safety.

The construction phase alone raises significant concern. Local roads are not well suited to increased HGV traffic, and the likely impact in terms of noise, dust, disruption and safety risks for residents and pedestrians should not be underestimated. This will affect the day-to-day lives of those living nearby for a prolonged period.

Infrastructure within the village is already under pressure. There are ongoing issues with water supply, and power cuts occur with concerning frequency even without additional demand. It is difficult to see how existing services can reliably accommodate a further 55 homes without substantial upgrades, which are not clearly addressed within the application.

Parking is also already a problem, particularly around local shops and businesses. Additional residents will inevitably increase demand, making it harder for people to access local amenities and potentially affecting the viability of small businesses. It is likely to result in more on-street parking in areas that are already constrained.

There is also a lack of facilities or safe spaces for young people within the village. Increasing the population without addressing this could lead to a rise in anti-social behaviour, something that has been seen in other areas that have experienced rapid expansion.

More broadly, the location raises concerns in terms of sustainability. With limited public transport and existing infrastructure challenges, future residents are likely to rely heavily on private vehicles, which runs contrary to sustainable development principles.

In summary, this proposal represents an over-intensive development that does not adequately take into account the cumulative impact on infrastructure, safety, environment and overall community wellbeing. I respectfully request that this application be refused.

Yours faithfully,
Jane Newington

Kind regards