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To: "Steven King" <steven.king@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 23/09/2026 12:17 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Hurst Farm Hurstwood Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Reserved Matters Application Pursuant to Outline Planning Permission Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Reference: DM/25/1630, Lewes District Council (LDC) Reference: LW/2510707 at Hurst Farm, for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping only. (additional ecology information received 28/05/2026). (Amended plans received 12/08/2026 showing various design and layout changes).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address: The Silver Birch Hurstwood Lane Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Parcel 4. Further to Barratt Homes late adjustment dated 1st September, I wish to object to the proposals/changes for the siting of housing at the north of Parcel 4, and the changes to the buffer zones and

Wildlife Corridor on the western and northern zones of Parcel 4. Apparently in order to "reduce visibility of parking from the street", Barratts have moved things around, and have moved the large Bromsgrove quadruple houses 7 yards closer to the buffer line and five yards even closer to the bedroom and lounge windows of nearby existing housing on Birch Way and Hurstwood Lane. The proposed Bromsgrove housing - three blocks each of four houses, each the size of Haywards Town Hall, have minimal gardens and 26 parking spaces. The Executive Summary/Masterplan states that "No houses are to face existing houses to retain privacy". The Bromsgrove housing is "MONSTROUS".

Additionally there are changes to the buffer zones and the wildlife corridor. Woodland Trust originally recommended a buffer zone of 40 yards width, where woodland was adjacent to housing, and the immediate road (Hurstwood Lane) on the western side. Somehow this was reduced to 20 yards and now the latest amendments from Barratts have arbitrarily reduced to 15 yards without any discussion. They have also reduced similarly in Parcels 1 and 2. The buffer at the top of Parcel 4 is a very necessary Wildlife Corridor to connect Hursthouse and Asylum Woods, to protect all the bats, reptiles, flora and fauna. It now seems to have been defaced by pedestrian walkways and cycle tracks. I ask if Woodland Trust have been asked to comment and make recommendations.

To get in and out, everything and everybody has to traverse Hurstwood Lane, enter Parcel 4, go round the cemetery, and back up the hill in Parcel 4- nearly one and half miles. This is not feasible for WALKING - certainly not for the 'young and the elderly'. Having an additional outlet via Asylum Wood is ludicrous. There is no public transport.

Overall I am very concerned about:

- a. the 50% reduction in the Country Park, and losing all the Parks outlook,
- b. trying to fit all these houses (and parking/garages) into an enclosed area, alongside a cemetery, and surrounded by ancient woodland,
- c. major safety issues created by the very narrow roadway with no proper egress for walkers or cyclists, and no access for emergency vehicles.

Kind regards