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To: "Joseph Swift" <joseph.swift@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 16/07/2024 9:59 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of Hanlye Lane Longacre Crescent Cuckfield West Sussex
Proposal:	Residential development of 50 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking, open space, play space, landscaping and all other associated works (Amended description and plans 24/06/2024)
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address: 15 HORSEFIELD GREEN CUCKFIELD Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed overdevelopment of farmland in West Sussex. As a resident of this beautiful region, I have witnessed first hand the significant changes and negative impacts that such developments are having on our community, environment, and local economy. The conversion of agricultural land into residential properties

undermines the traditional rural character that defines Cuckfield. The rich farmland in our area has been integral to our local culture and economy. Allowing overdevelopment in these areas risks irreversibly damaging this vital resource.

Moreover, the environmental consequences of such developments are alarming. Farmland provides essential green spaces that support biodiversity, contribute to carbon sequestration, and help mitigate the effects of climate change. Paving over these lands for urban sprawl disrupts local ecosystems, endangers wildlife habitats, and increases the risk of flooding by reducing natural water absorption areas.

Traffic congestion is another significant concern. The infrastructure in Hanlye Lane is not designed to handle the increased vehicle load that comes with another 50 dwelling development. This leads to longer commute times, higher pollution levels, and a deteriorating quality of life for residents. Additionally, the strain on local services such as schools, healthcare facilities, and public transport systems cannot be overlooked.

I urge the planning department to consider sustainable development practices that prioritise the preservation of agricultural land and the environment. Instead of permitting unchecked expansion, efforts should focus on redeveloping and improving existing urban areas, promoting the use of brownfield sites, and investing in infrastructure that supports the current population without compromising our natural heritage.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask the council to reconsider and halt any further overdevelopment of farmland in West Sussex, and in particular, the land south of Hanlye Lane, Longacre Crescent, Cuckfield. Protecting these lands is crucial for maintaining the ecological balance. It is a natural re-wilding nature reserve, teeming with wildlife and all efforts should be made to preserve the rural charm that makes Cuckfield and West Sussex unique. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the council will take into account the long-term welfare of our community and environment in their planning decisions.

Kind regards