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Sent: 04 June 2026 15:18
To: planninginfo
Subject: Re: COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION DM/26/1186 - LAND ON WEST OF SELSFIELD ROAD, ARDINGLY, WEST SUSSEX. (Ardingly Showground).

Dear Mr. Davies,

Thank you for your message acknowledging my comments.

My address is 48 MUNNION ROAD, ARDINGLY. RH17 6RP.

I've lived here since January 1984 and have a great deal of "local" knowledge!

Is it too late to make any additional comments - e.g. by midnight tonight?

Thank you very much,

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From: planninginfo <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
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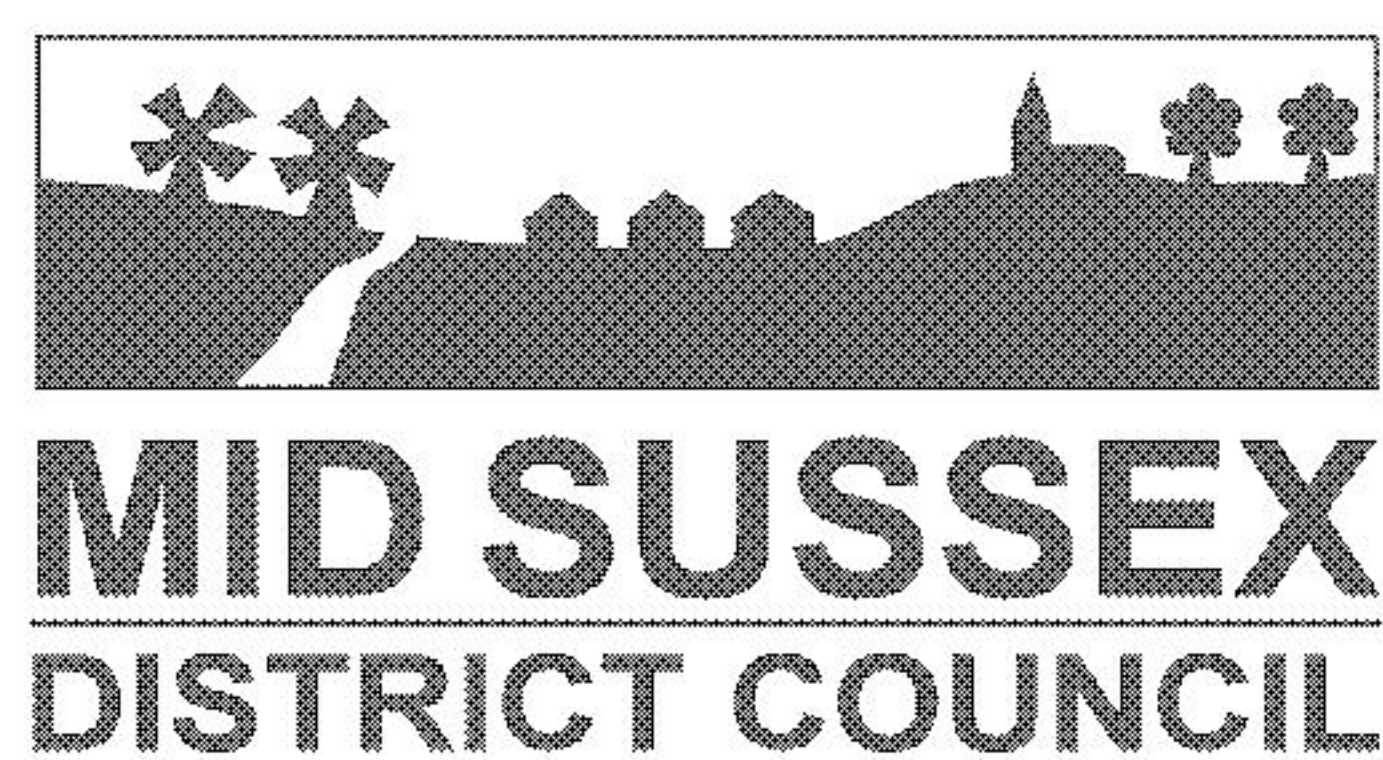
Dear Timothy,

Thank you for your comments. However, all comments to be uploaded must include your address to be registered. Please can you resend your comments containing your address and they will be redacted to remove your name and email address and uploaded to the case file.

Kind regards

Peter

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Sent: 03 June 2026 23:40

Subject: COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION DM/26/1186 - LAND ON WEST OF SELSFIELD ROAD, ARDINGLY, WEST SUSSEX. (Ardingly Showground).

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make some comments for consideration in respect of the above.

My objections are:

1. Ardingly is a relatively small rural village that has allowed infilling plus a new greenfield site development in recent years - (Monks Meadow - 38 dwellings).

This proposal is neither necessary or desirable, as I will show later.

2. This land is "Greenfield" and is situated immediately North of the Recreation Ground. Not only would houses have a detrimental effect on the outlook, but the location of the site is entirely unsuitable for any new residents, due to the Showgrounds Commercial Event activities. This site is on a high ridge within the High Weald / Ashdown Forest and would be highly visible.
3. If any building was permitted, then the existing Sewage system could not cope. An entirely new one would need to be installed.

I have made both Andrew Clarke and Nicholas Bennett, who hold positions at Mid Sussex Council, of many breaches of Ardingly Showground's Licence to hold events there.

Events occur frequently, which involve large amounts of traffic, and pollution, from vehicles both attending and taking part in events, (Trucks, High performance cars, Battle re-enactments and Helicopters to name some.) Apart from considerable noise, there are also light and air pollution, (Drone laser shows, music "events", strobes and more.)

On reading the extensive arguments that were made in the initial application process, these were highlighted as having a very adverse effect on residents of any houses that may be constructed on this site. Mention was made of high "acoustic fencing" along the perimeter road, the need to close windows and the problems this would create for the health and wellbeing of people living there, particularly in periods of heat.

I also know that the current Sewage system is up to its maximum capacity and there have been instances at times of heavy rainfall, for untreated sewage to overflow and cause a health hazard. (Monks Meadow experienced this.)

I have highlighted previously, reports on both National and Local Television, of numerous serious instances occurring where Councils have given permission to Developers to "add on" the new connection to existing which results in it being unable to cope when it rains heavily. (Hellingly, Hailsham and Heathfield have been affected).

It would be totally unacceptable to allow this to occur.

A new main would have to be installed to cope with additional volume.

Note - All showground events require effluent to be taken direct to the Treatment works by Tanker.

There are also drains which leach out "overflow" immediately below this site - (In Holmans and the pavement immediately above Butcher Shaw Wood near Oaklands).

At times of heavy rainfall, surface water floods through the access gate from the showground, just above the Childrens' Playground and runs down by the Tennis Courts to Fairford Close and Street Lane.

The problem would be made worse by any building, as "run - off" from hard surfaces instead of grass, would result.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and confirm my comments have been noted.

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In the Mid - Sussex Draft Local Plan 2021-2039, I read a section saying that "any new development MUST NOT have any adverse or detrimental effect on existing Residents or dwellings".

This would definitely occur if this developments went ahead.

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