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Sent: 16 June 2026 13:27
To: planninginfo
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/2223

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/06/2026 1:27 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Juhring And Hobbs Field At Saint Hill Manor Saint Hill Road East Grinstead West Sussex

Proposal: Change of use of vacant land to event area for use with installation of permanent infrastructure and reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) to facilitate the erection of annual marquee structures including ground level alterations, wash block and toilets, generator enclosure and concrete ring together with the erection and dismantling of the temporary marquee structure themselves (for a total maximum period of 84 days per year) and overflow car parking for the Church and neighbouring sports clubs consisting of reinforced ground surfacing (cellular paving grid) for up to 683 car spaces (comprising up to 113 cars (Area A) for no more than 30 days per annum, 313 cars (Areas A & B) for no more than 13 days per year and up to 683 cars (Areas A, B & C) for no more than 7 days per year), construction of a new access and internal road, sustainable surface water and foul drainage provision, associated landscaping and ecological enhancements. (Further information received 28th May)

Case Officer: Stephen Ashdown

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Customer Details

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Business or other organisation

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Planning Application Reference: DM/25/2223
Site: Juhring and Hobbs Field, Saint Hill Manor, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

I write in strong support of this application.

[REDACTED] a short distance from Saint Hill Manor itself. As a small, independent restaurant business serving the local community, I have a ground-level understanding of how events at Saint Hill Manor affect trade in this immediate area, and I want to offer that perspective to the council.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES

When large events take place at Saint Hill Manor, the effect on nearby food and hospitality businesses is direct and tangible. Visitors travelling to the site require places to eat, drink, and gather - and local independent restaurants like ours are among the first to benefit. For a small business operating in a village setting, that uplift in footfall during event periods is not a minor consideration. It can make a meaningful difference to weekly and monthly revenue, particularly during quieter seasons.

This application, by establishing proper and permanent infrastructure to support events at the site, provides the kind of certainty that local businesses need. If events can be hosted safely, legally, and with appropriate facilities in place, they are more likely to continue - and that continuity benefits the wider Felbridge and East Grinstead business community.

COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND LOCAL IDENTITY

Felbridge is a small community, and Saint Hill Manor has been part of its landscape and identity for decades. The manor is open to the public, hosts events throughout the year, and draws visitors who would not otherwise come to this corner of West Sussex. That visibility matters for local businesses and for the character of the area as a whole.

This proposal supports the continued use of the site in a way that is structured, controlled, and time-limited. The marquee structures will only be present for a maximum of 84 days per year. For the remainder of the year, the fields will remain open and largely unchanged. This is a measured approach that respects both the rural setting and the needs of the wider community.

PARKING AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT

As a business owner in Felbridge, I am also aware of the parking pressures that large, unmanaged events can place on surrounding roads and village areas. The provision of up to 683 dedicated, phased parking spaces on site - shared with local sports clubs and community groups - is exactly the kind of solution that reduces disruption rather than adding to it. Vehicles that previously parked informally on local roads or in unsuitable locations will instead have a designated, safe space to park within the site boundary.

This is good for road safety, good for residents, and good for local businesses that rely on easy access for their own customers.

CONCLUSION

I support this application wholeheartedly. It represents a considered, well-designed scheme that enables a long-established venue to operate responsibly, while delivering genuine benefit to the surrounding community and local economy. I encourage the council to approve it.

Yours sincerely,

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Kind regards

