

Steven King

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Sent: 24 April 2026 11:17
To: Steven King
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/3129

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/04/2026 11:16 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Borde Hill Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 117 dwellings, together with the provision of landscaping, open space, and associated development works, with access from Balcombe Road. All matters reserved except for access. (Amended plans and supporting statements received 15th April reducing the number of proposed dwellings to up 117 and reducing the size of the proposed roundabout).
Case Officer:	Steven King

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Customer Details

Address:	
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: To: Mid Sussex District Council Planning Department

From: Ianthe McLeod

Address: 2 Orchard Way, Haywards Heath, RH16 1UX

Subject: Formal Objection to Planning Application DM/25/3129 - Land at Borde Hill Lane

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed development at Borde Hill Lane. As a resident of Orchard Way, I am directly affected by this proposal. While the plans have been slightly reduced to 117 dwellings, the scale of the development remains entirely inappropriate for this location.

My objections are as follows:

1. Critical Water Supply and Infrastructure Concerns

The most pressing infrastructure concern is our local water security. We have just emerged from a seven-month hosepipe ban (July 2025 - February 2026) due to the Ardingly Reservoir nearly drying up.

Personal Point: I experienced the impact of these restrictions firsthand. It is illogical to approve a development that will bring over 300 new residents into an area where the water supply is already so precarious. The developer has not demonstrated how this increased demand will be met without further compromising the service to existing households.

2. Impact on Wildlife and Biodiversity

The site contains legally protected species, including Dormice and bats. This development will destroy the hedgerows and grasslands they depend on.

Personal Point: I value the biodiversity of our local countryside. The "mitigation" promised by developers is rarely a substitute for the loss of established, natural habitats.

3. Traffic, Road Safety, and Site Suitability

The proposed changes to the Balcombe Road/Borde Hill Lane roundabout will cause massive disruption, reminiscent of the recent works that paralyzed local traffic for months. Furthermore, the site is prone to flooding due to clay soil-a problem that will only be exacerbated by adding hectares of hard surfacing (roofs and roads).

Personal Point: I use these roads daily and have witnessed the existing flooding on Borde Hill Lane. Adding more pressure to these narrow lanes and a sensitive drainage area is a recipe for local gridlock and property damage.

4. Over-Development of the Countryside

This site is not in the current District Plan and sits immediately adjacent to the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). An independent landscape report previously suggested even 60 houses would cause major harm; a development of 117-125 houses remains a massive over-development of a sensitive site.

Conclusion

For the reasons of water security, ecological damage, failing infrastructure, and over-development I urge the council to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,



Kind regards