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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1228

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/06/2026 10:36 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of London Road Handcross West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of up to 55 dwellings, including affordable homes, together with green and blue infrastructure, vehicular access from London Road, pedestrian/cycle access from London Road, the provision of utility services structures and the demolition of an existing agricultural building.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address: 2 Oak Cottages London Road Handcross

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Ref: Application Number DM/26/1228 Change in land use I believe the many comments shared on this page reflect the strength of practical, community and environmental reasons this

application is inappropriate and in absolute conflict with the important provisions of the District Plan - a plan built with great care and thought to safeguard against exactly this sort of threat to all that deserves protecting.

Reading the comments posted here, I have been struck by the thoroughness of the research undertaken and the persuasiveness of the points made. I believe the sum of comments shared by residents and interested parties adds up to a powerful body of arguments as to why the application should be rejected. Most telling to me are the change of the land from agricultural usage, the infrastructural inadequacies and pressure on amenities, the destruction of irreplaceable natural and environmental treasures, the further erosion of the separation between Handcross and Pease Pottage, the dangers of yet higher traffic volumes and, most potently, the disregard for the key strictures of the District Plan.

These specific points, I believe, are strong enough to justify a rejection of this application. However, my re-reading of the documentation and subsequent comments has highlighted a personal response that goes beyond the individual objections cited. Perhaps it is best summed up by the word 'unfairnesses'. As quoted by others, census records show the Handcross and Pease Pottage area (Slaugham parish) as having grown by over 120% in the last 35 years. This greatly exceeds levels elsewhere and this growth has already had infrastructural, community and environmental impacts that reinforce the importance of not adding to them even more. There are other Brown Field sites within and around Crawley that are available, and it is right that they should be considered rather than further impacting our village and community.

I ask that those reviewing this proposal reject it and request that the applicants be asked to look at alternative, and more appropriate, sites.

Kind regards