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Sent: 31 July 2026 14:32
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2114
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 31/07/2026 2:31 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at 519396 111237 Church Farm Walk Upper Beeding West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 4 No. detached dwellings with associated amenity space, car parking spaces, detached carports, access road and other associated infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Daniel Holmes

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Customer Details

Address:	Meadow View Church Farm Walk Upper Beeding
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	Dear Planning Department I believe that Place Services' assessment of the site's ecological importance for bats, including the Wray score of 17, does not provide a complete or reliable assessment for two principal reasons: - Ecology Co-op's 2022 static logger data has apparently been lost, and some of the 2022 walked transect data was also unavailable at the time the assessment was undertaken. - Ecology Co-op's 2025 survey was undertaken in October, which falls outside the recommended survey period set out in the Bat Conservation Trust guidance for activity surveys. Since Place Services' ecological advice was prepared, further bat survey evidence has identified Church Farm as achieving a Wray score of 22, elevating the site to county-level

importance. The recent survey work has also produced repeated recordings of the rare Grey Long Eared bat and Barbastelle bat, confirming continued use of these species at the site. I have emailed this report separately.

This additional evidence indicates that the ecological value of the site has been underestimated, significant given that the site forms part of a designated Local Wildlife Site.

I therefore respectfully request that further bat survey work is undertaken before any planning decision is made, to ensure the Council has correct ecological information on which to base a lawful and robust determination of application DC/25/2114.

These matters may reasonably be raised as significant issues for debate and determination by a Planning Committee.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Kind regards

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