

Comments for Planning Application SDNP/21/04615/FUL

Comments submitted at **20/10/2021** 4:03 PM from - **Midhurst Society**.

Application Summary

Address:	The Grange Development Site Bepton Road Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9HD
Proposal:	Development of a residential care home (Uses Class C2) and part reconfiguration of the existing car park
Case Officer:	Steven Lewis (SDNPA)

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Other

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The Midhurst Society is aware of the concerns of residents of Midhurst who have made it clear they do not want a facility of this kind on this site and therefore The Midhurst Society objects to there being a care facility on this site. They believe that the last major development site in town should provide a facility that benefits all residents, and not provide an expensive rest home for elderly persons from outside the Midhurst area which will inevitably place strain on Midhurst medical and other facilities.

The Midhurst Society has considered the comments of the SDNPA Design Officers Response to Planning Consultation and without exception supports his conclusions, which include:

- a) the building is far too big, too high, uses materials and architecture which will not blend with the town and will simply be a blot on the central town landscape
- b) there are insufficient measures addressing environmental issues such as CO2 neutral energy use, green roofs, SuDS and drainage.

Other issues which the Midhurst Society believe justify the refusal of this Application include

1. The applicant has not demonstrated a need for a care home of this size in this location.
2. Care homes across the country are struggling to recruit staff, and this could become a very unwelcome white elephant.
3. The general health and wellbeing of elderly individuals are not best served by locating them in a busy car park.
4. The site was not identified as a suitable site for a residential care home in the Local Plan.
5. The infrastructure in the immediate vicinity is already overstretched.
6. The site should provide a facility that benefits all Midhurst residents.