



Comments were submitted at 10:17 AM on 23 Apr 2019 from - Midhurst Society.

### **Application Summary**

**Address:** 12 Park Crescent Midhurst GU29 9ED

**Proposal:** Erection of nine dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and access from Lamberts Lane

**Case Officer:** Rafa Grosso Macpherson

### **Customer Details**

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### **Comments Details**

**Commenter Type:** Other

**Stance:** Customer objects to the Planning Application

#### **Reasons for comment:**

**Comments:** The Midhurst Society welcomes the proposal to provide relatively low-cost small housing units near to the town's major facilities. However, we are disappointed that SDNPA (by including the site in the Local Plan as suitable for development) and Midhurst Town Council (by supporting this application) have not addressed the traffic and parking issues of Lamberts Lane.

The developer says they have engaged in dialogue with the community but perversely they chose not to speak to us, as community representatives - even though our address is Lamberts Lane and we showed an active interest by commenting on the first phase of this development on 22 January 2018.

This application is for nine dwellings, additional to the twenty dwellings approved in the first phase and the unrelated seventeen dwellings erected recently at Gilbert Hannam Close. Collectively, this is likely to result in approximately 100 extra vehicles based in this not-fit-for-purpose road - together with associated visitor and delivery vehicles.

Lamberts Lane is a narrow road, with bad access at both ends into the heavily-congested North Street. Parking is free, which leads to long-term dumping, and this leads to further difficulties for vehicle manoeuvring. The traffic statement by Masons draws attention to an absence of serious accidents in the last five years but the poor visibility makes both junctions highly dangerous.

The traffic statement justifies the extra traffic flow generated by these nine dwellings by comparing the hypothetical use that might have been generated by the previous users of the site when youth centre, day nursery and tennis courts. Masons do not have figures for this and have fabricated them - failing to recognise that when these facilities were in use many years ago the majority of visits would have been on foot. In any event, there has never been any vehicular access to the land behind Park Crescent and the new dwellings will generate brand new traffic movements.

We urge the SDNPA to defer a decision on this development until a solution can be found for the traffic flow in and out of Lamberts Lane.