

Caroline Grist

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Sent: 09 June 2026 13:00
To: Caroline Grist
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1315

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 1:00 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Gatesmead Wickham Way Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed 49 new homes together with open space and associated infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Caroline Grist

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Customer Details

Address:	137 Western Road Western Road Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Re: Planning Application DM/26/1315 - Objection

I am a resident of Haywards Heath and wish to object to planning application DM/26/1315.

My objection is based on both my personal experience of living in the area and on material planning considerations.

I regularly walk through Wickham Fields and the surrounding area. The site provides an important green space for local residents and contributes significantly to the character of this part of Haywards Heath. It is a valued area for recreation, wellbeing and connection with nature. Development of the site would result in the loss of an important open space that forms part of the local landscape and community.

I am also concerned that the application is being considered before the outstanding Public Right of Way application (DMMO 3/22) has been determined. The existence and status of this

route should be fully resolved before any planning decision is made, as it may have a significant bearing on public access and use of the site.

As a long-term resident, I have witnessed the substantial housing growth that has taken place across Haywards Heath over recent years. While I recognise the need for housing, I have also seen the growing pressure placed on local infrastructure and services.

Access to GP appointments has become increasingly difficult. Local roads experience significant congestion, particularly during peak periods and school drop-off and collection times. Schools and other community services are already under pressure. In my view, further development should only be approved where there is clear evidence that the necessary infrastructure improvements will be delivered alongside it.

I am particularly concerned about healthcare provision. Haywards Heath is served by the Princess Royal Hospital and local GP practices, both of which support a growing population across Mid Sussex. As a resident, I have personally experienced increasing difficulty accessing GP appointments and have witnessed the strain on local healthcare services. While additional housing may be required, it is essential that healthcare infrastructure keeps pace with population growth. I am not convinced that sufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that existing services can accommodate the additional demand arising from this development.

This concern forms part of a wider issue regarding cumulative impact. Over recent years, Haywards Heath has experienced significant residential growth, yet many residents continue to experience increasing pressure on roads, schools, healthcare services and other community infrastructure. The cumulative effect of further development should therefore be given significant weight when determining this application.

I am also concerned about the impact on local roads and highway safety. Additional vehicle movements generated by the development will add further pressure to roads that already experience congestion and delays. The cumulative impact of continued housing growth on the local transport network should be carefully considered.

The site also provides habitat and green space that supports biodiversity. The loss of these environmental benefits should not be underestimated, particularly given the increasing importance of accessible green spaces for residents' health and wellbeing.

For these reasons, including the unresolved Public Right of Way issue, the loss of valued green space, concerns regarding traffic and highway safety, pressure on local infrastructure and services, and potential impacts on biodiversity and local character, I respectfully request that Mid Sussex District Council refuse planning application DM/26/1315.

Yours faithfully,


Haywards Heath Resident

Kind regards