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To: "Deborah Lynn" <deborah.lynn@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/06/2026 1:13 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	101 South Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4LR
Proposal:	Proposed change of use from former A3 café to retail use within Class E (formerly A1) with extension of opening hours, and use of a small section of pavement area.
Case Officer:	Deborah Lynn

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Customer Details

Address:	34b Haywards 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:	I wish to object to the application to extend the opening hours of this premises until 1:00am and to permit the display of goods on the pavement outside the shop. I am a local resident living close to the premises and am concerned about the impact this proposal would have on nearby residents and on the character of our town centre. This part of the town is primarily residential in the evenings. Most

businesses on the High Street close by early evening, and the area is generally quiet by 6:00pm. Extending the opening hours until 1:00am would introduce activity at a time when residents reasonably expect peace and quiet. The proposal is likely to increase noise, disturbance, vehicle movements, loitering and congregation outside the premises late into the night.

Since opening, it has become common to see people sitting and smoking outside the shop. Allowing the premises to remain open until 1:00am risks encouraging further late-night gathering, creating additional noise and nuisance for neighbouring residents. This would be particularly inappropriate in a town that does not otherwise have a significant late-night economy.

I am also concerned about the proposal to display goods on the pavement. The pavement should remain clear, safe and accessible for pedestrians, including parents with pushchairs, wheelchair users and those with mobility impairments. External displays would add visual clutter and could further encourage people to congregate outside the premises.

More broadly, the proposal would alter the character of what is currently an attractive and pleasant part of the town centre. Residents chose to live in this area because it is well maintained, community-focused and relatively peaceful. The proposed opening hours are out of keeping with neighbouring businesses and would have a detrimental effect on local amenity.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused.

Kind regards