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To: "Anna Tidey" <anna.tidey@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 06/11/2024 3:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address: 50 Hurst Road Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9NL

Proposal: Proposed tennis court to rear garden

Case Officer: Anna Tidey

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Customer Details

Address: 46 Hurst Road Hassocks

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Our property is one of a group of houses that neighbour and overlook the garden of No. 50.

We have lived here for several years now and over the time have strived to landscape an area at the lower part of our property (parallel to the proposed site) to maintain and nurture the biodiversity that such a large garden allows for. One that complements the surrounding landscape and encourages nature within our boundaries but also one that allows for us to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the environment around us.

A number of years ago we created a large wildlife pond which is inhabited by a number of species including frogs, toads, newts (including the endangered great crested newts) the pond is also frequently visited by bees, dragon flies and damson flies, large bats, barn owls, badgers, hedgehogs, grass snakes, and numerous bird species and used as a water source on a regular basis. Many of these creatures use the surrounding gardens to gain access to the pond and frequently travel across the site where the proposed tennis court is to be installed. Considering this, we object to the installation of a tennis court and feel this will have a dramatic negative impact on the wildlife that utilise the water source for maintenance of life.

To build the tennis court several well established trees and fruit trees will need to be removed from the area which are again used by wildlife around as a source of food and rest.

In addition to the detrimental impact on the environment of this area we are deeply concerned regarding the drainage of the tennis court. From the information available we are unable to identify any drainage arrangements for the tennis court. Having tended the lawn of this garden on behalf of the previous owner we can confirm that during the autumn/winter months and some occasions during the summer the ground is sodden and saturated due to rainfall. We are very worried as to what arrangements will be made for drainage following the removal of so much earth and addition of such a volume of asphalt this is increasing the risk of flooding to the lower section of the property. We are concerned this will have a detrimental impact on our garden and increase the flooding that we already experience during these times. We would request this be strongly considered by the applicant in line with Policy DP41 and should this be approved extensive measures be taken to prevent damage to our garden due to excess water run-off.

The proposal introduces unpredictable noise from tennis activities, such as ball impacts and calls, which can disrupt the quiet enjoyment of nearby homes. The size of the garden and narrow boundaries makes it likely that tennis balls will frequently leave the court, even over the proposed fencing, causing disturbances and potential damage. The confined space and proximity to neighbouring properties exacerbate these issues, making it difficult to contain noise and increasing the likelihood of disruptive sound affecting nearby residents.

To summarise the construction of a 'hard' tennis court with high metal fencing undermines the effort put into maintaining the community environment. It threatens to significantly alter the area's appearance, introducing loud, unnatural noise and disruption. The development could damage existing natural drainage systems, block scenic views, and intrude on the countryside. Additionally, it poses a negative impact on local

wildlife and the delicate ecosystem and biodiversity surrounding the area.

Kind regards