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To: "Stefan Galyas" <stefan.galyas@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 10/09/2025 10:26 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports And Social Club Colwell Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EZ
Proposal:	Temporary (36 months) permission for change of use of existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works (Acoustic report received 21.08.2025)
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address: 17 Western Rd Newick LEWES

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	This proposal poses a serious threat to the future of St Francis Bowls Club which has been successfully running for over 70 years and of which I am a member. Padel and lawn bowls would be incompatible neighbours. Padel is a noisy sport. It will bring with it increased traffic and road safety issues in an area used by residents, pedestrians and families accessing the swimming pool. Presumably there will be floodlights

and everything a spectator sport brings. There will be increased demands on parking space. Lawn bowls, in contrast requires a calm, quiet atmosphere so play can be conducted in a calm manner. Added to this opposing teams will not want to visit if their experience is a negative one.

Careful and thorough consideration needs to be given to the provision of new sporting facilities and they need to be situated in the right location.

The vital and considerable role played by St Francis Bowls Club in the community for the last 70 years should not be underestimated. Please do not place in jeopardy the future of a local resource where people can meet, enjoy each other's company, feel supported and raise funds for charity.

I therefore reject this proposal as it currently stands.

Kind regards