

Help Save Wickham Fields

To: Mid Sussex District Council Planning Committee, Chair of the Planning Committee or the Council Leader

We call on Mid Sussex District Council's Planning Committee to refuse any planning application for housing development on Wickham Fields (Land West of Gatesmead / SHELAA site 988), Old Wickham Lane, Haywards Heath. This site was assessed by the council and not allocated for housing in the District Plan 2021–2039. It is one of the last remaining areas of open green space in this part of Haywards Heath, sits adjacent to two Grade II* listed buildings, and is actively used by the community. We ask the committee to protect this green space and uphold the council's own plan.

Why is this important?

Wickham Fields is one of the last open green spaces left in this part of Haywards Heath. It has been used by dog walkers, families, and residents for generations. Crest Nicholson want to build 50 houses on it, despite the council's own District Plan not allocating it for development.

The site sits next to two Grade II* listed buildings dating back centuries, local schools and GP surgeries are already stretched, and all traffic would be funnelled through a single quiet residential street.

Recent decisions show that community opposition works. An 80-home proposal at nearby Colwell Farm was refused after residents objected, and a 725-home scheme at the golf club was blocked. But that only happened because people spoke up. If we don't act now, we lose this field permanently. Once it's built on, it's gone.

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Signed by 1,208 people:

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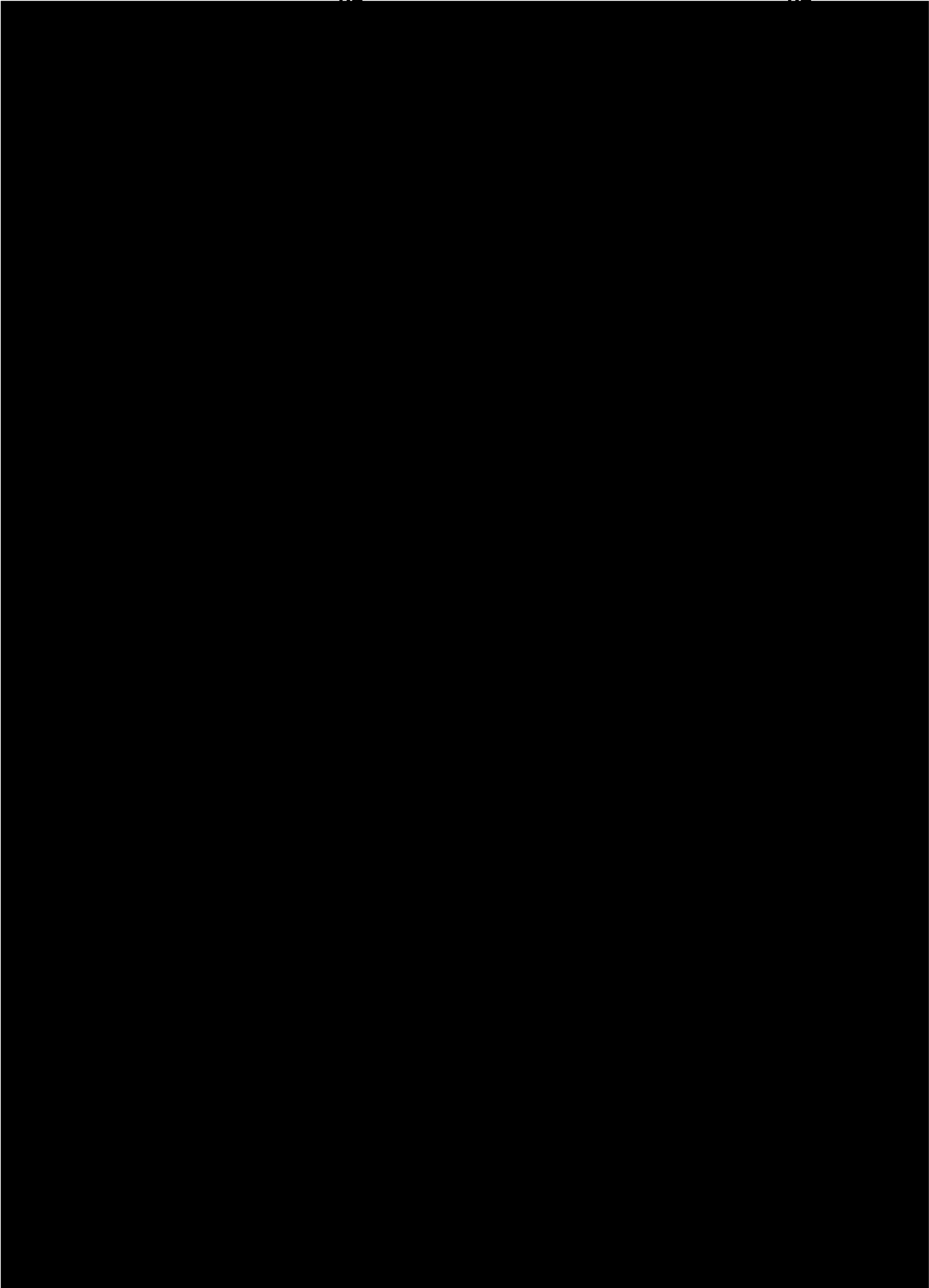
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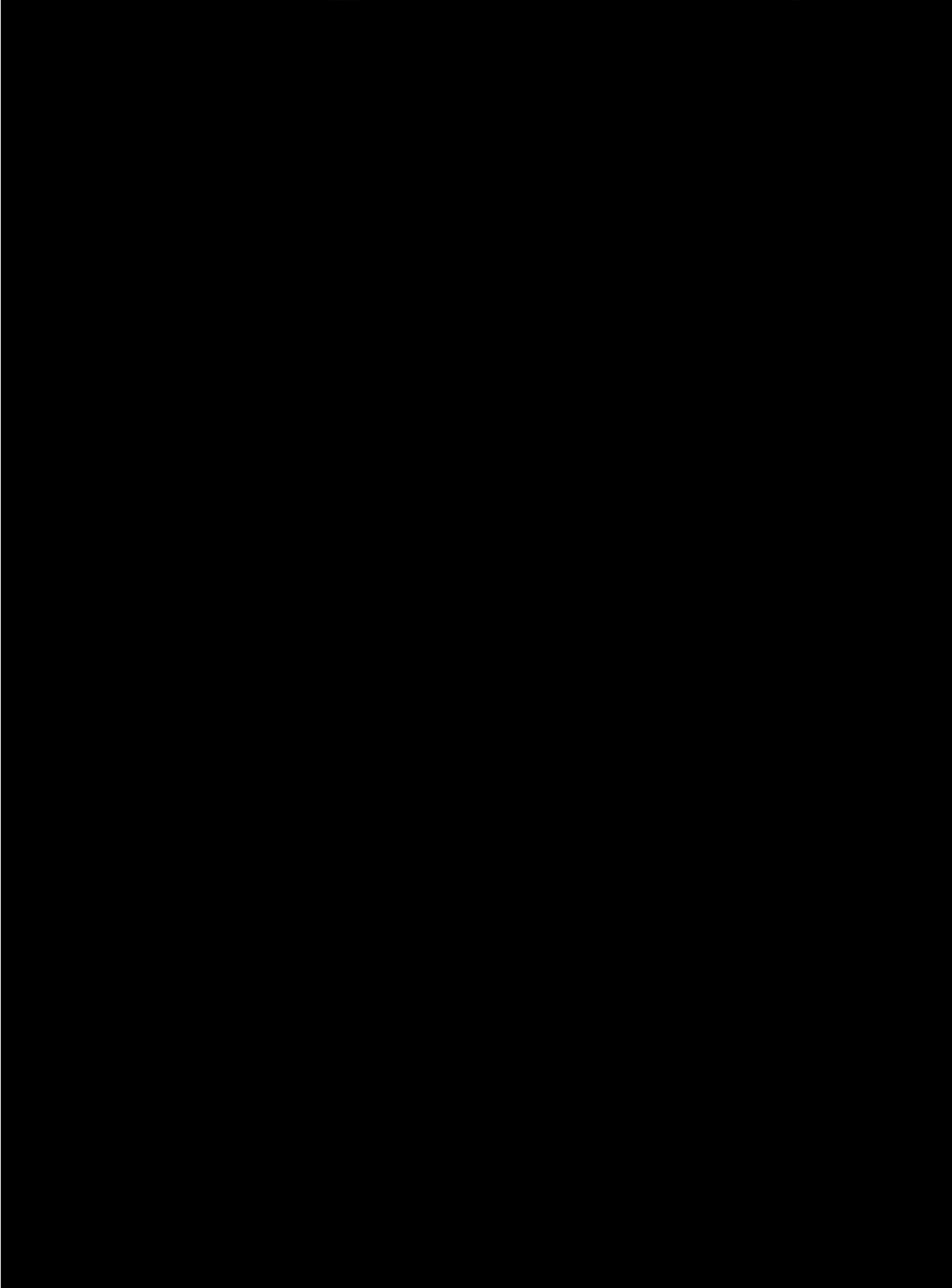
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