

Caroline Grist

From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk
Sent: 28 June 2026 20:23
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 28/06/2026 8:22 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:	68 Savill Road Lindfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Sirs, I wish to object most strongly to above application for the following reasons:- Loss of biodiversity: It provides a rich habitat for wildlife, from the extremely rare black redstart, only 20 -100 known sites in the country. Is this going to destroyed for the sake of 49 houses? Also slowworms, woodpeckers, kites etc. have been sighted on this field. This development would mean that the integrity of the adjacent Grade II* properties of Sunte House and Wickham farm would be severely compromised as they would be almost completely encircled by modern houses. Even the developers admit it would harm their rural northern setting, particularly as this is a very beautiful sloping field with far reaching views over the Weald. This would be utterly ruined with new houses. This area has been used by the general public from at least 1970 for walking and to enjoy the

benefits of open countryside which we are losing at an alarming rate in Mid Sussex.

It would adversely affect the very ancient deep-cut bridleway as the proposed new road into Gateshead would cut straight through this and destroy its rural feel and ancient hedgerows would be wrecked.

It will add to the massive strain on local services:-

Water Supply: As cited by Southern Water in that they simply don't have the capacity to keep supplying yet more housing. So how is this going to help matters?

Medical surgeries: They are seriously over-subscribed and under considerable strain, all due the huge amount of new building and the ever increasing population around Lindfield and Haywards Heath. How is this going to be addressed?

Traffic: Yet more traffic would be generated in the quiet residential road of Gatesmead and then there would be more vehicles turning on the increasingly busy Portsmouth Lane. The nearby Sunde Crossroads is well known for numerous accidents over the years.

For the above reasons, I would ask to please reject the above proposal.

Yours sincerely,



Kind regards