

Caroline Grist

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Sent: 17 June 2026 09:51
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 17/06/2026 9:51 AM.

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:	5 Alder Way 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 object to the development of Wickham Fields for several reasons: The area is used for recreation for many residents from North Haywards Heath and West Lindfield. If this green space is lost there will be nowhere for these people walk and experience Nature. Yes there are parks such as Hickmans and Clair Park but these areas are often being used for Football or Cricket or other public events. Apart from Wickham Fields there is no other open land where people can get out and about without encroaching on private land such as the golf course. People need open spaces to unwind. People have been walking on Wickham Fields for generations and my children have played on it their whole lives. It would be extremely detrimental to residents, both young and old to lose this space. The route for cars to enter the development is via Gatesmead. This is a narrow, hilly road with sharp bends that cannot handle the extra traffic. The route will take traffic past the play ground on Gatesmead impacting the safety of local children who frequent the play ground.

It is not just new residents who will drive in and out, but also the various delivery drivers. It will turn a child friendly residential area into a busy road. Cars will naturally park on the road reducing visibility for people crossing the road. My family currently cycle to Lindfield and the extra traffic on the narrow, windy and hilly road will make it extremely hazardous for both Children and Adult cyclists.

Further it will cut across a very well used public footpath at the end of the current Gatesmead. My wife and I use that footpath almost every day. It provides local residents a safe route to the train station and Haywards Heath amenities.

Wickham Fields is home to a rich and varied selection of wild life. I have seen Kites, Woodpeckers, Buzzards and Robins to name a few. Also there are the Deer, Badgers and Foxes the roam the area.

The local area is already overloaded for Schools, Doctors and Dentists.

Wickham Fields collect a lot of rainfall. If this area is paved over where is all that water supposed to go! The stream that runs along side Gatesmead and down across Portsmouth lane already gets very full in winter. The bottom of the hill where Portsmouth Lane meets High Beech Lane is often flooded as it is!

My family objects to DM26/1315 for these reasons that cannot be mitigated. I ask for you to refuse the application. Please refer to the Planning Committee rather than under delegated powers given the significance of the sit and the unresolved legal status of DMMO 3/22.

All the best

[Redacted Signature]

Kind regards