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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@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 17/06/2026 9:23 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: 25 Brook Lane Lindfield Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	1. Wickham fields is one of the few remaining open natural spaces for the local community including hikers and dog walkers. It is used recreationally for many- especially older people who like to exercise but who cannot walk too far from their homes. 2. You are proposing to allow yet more development in the area and yet there seems to be no provision for further amenities and the local GP practices and schools are just not going to be able to absorb more residents. There has been so much new building in this area in the last 10 years- since I moved to Brook Lane and yet

we have no more school and no more Doctors practices. School places are already tight and Doctors lists are huge leading to big wait times to get appointments.

3. Access to this new development, because of other potential access routes being private roads will cross a well used public footpath and destroy an area of local beauty. Not only is this an area of local beauty but it is also a thriving area filled with wonderful wildlife. On my dog walks I often see rabbits, foxes, birds of prey and a plethora of other birds such as wood peckers etc. Alongside the deer that reside in the forest areas. The previous development that effectively extended Gatesmead has already reduced the scope of the habitats for these animals and building further homes in this area will reduced that even further and possibly extinguish the wonderful wildlife that thankfully still currently remains in spite of all the additional building.

4. Access is limited and considerable additional traffic will be generated through Gatesmead, Portsmouth Lane, Gander Hill and Summerhill Lane. Other significantly large developments in the area over the last 10 years has already created a significant volume of extra traffic. Traveling around the area it is clear that our roads are much much busier and Gatesmead particularly have already had their neighbourhood affected by the previous build that this new proposal effectively will just extend.

5. Surely there are other options that can be considered before destroying yet more of the GreenSpace in and around Lindfield and Haywards Heath- an area that is already struggling to provide the appropriate amenities for it's current residents because of ridiculous population and motor vehicle growth due to ridiculous levels of building with little to no additional infrastructure. And surely destroying yet more of our local wildlife's natural habitat- when you have already allowed so much of it to be destroyed cannot be seen as being acceptable.

Kind regards