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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 18/06/2026 3:55 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:	9 Gatesmead 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 this application due to the loss of valuable green space, the impact on local roads, and the additional pressure it will place on already stretched local infrastructure. The proposed development would result in the loss of an important green space that contributes significantly to the character of the area. The field provides a natural open space between existing housing and is valued by many local residents. Once developed, this open land will be lost permanently.

The site is also home to well-established bike jumps that are used regularly by local children and teenagers. These provide a rare, informal outdoor recreation space where young people can exercise, socialise and develop skills in a safe environment away from screens and social media. At a time when there are growing concerns about children's physical activity and mental wellbeing, it seems counterproductive to remove a much-loved community asset that encourages young people to spend time outdoors in the fresh air. The loss of this facility would have a real impact on local families and the wider community.

I am also concerned about the increase in traffic that would be generated by this development. Gatesmead and Birches Lane are residential roads that are not well suited to accommodating significant additional vehicle movements. Residents already experience congestion and parking pressures, and further traffic will worsen these issues while potentially creating additional safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and children using these streets.

Finally, local infrastructure is already struggling to meet demand. GP surgeries, schools, dentists and other public services are under increasing pressure, and many residents already experience long waits and limited availability. I do not believe sufficient consideration has been given to the cumulative impact that further housing development will have on these essential services.

For these reasons, I believe this application should be refused.

Kind regards