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Sent: 14 November 2025 08:28
To: Stefan Galyas
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/1185

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/11/2025 8:28 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports And Social Club Colwell Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EZ
Proposal:	Temporary (36 months) permission for change of use of existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works (Further acoustic and lighting information received 04.11.2025 and plans 07.11.2025 and 11.11.2025)
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address:	
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1185 - Temporary (36 Months) Permission for Change of Use of Existing Tennis Courts to Padel Courts and Associated Works

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to planning application DM/25/1185, which seeks temporary (36-month) permission for the change of use of the existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works.

While I support the improvement of local sports facilities where appropriate, I believe this proposal is unsuitable for this location for several key planning reasons:



- 1. Inadequate and Unsafe Access Routes

The site is situated within a quiet residential area and is only accessible via:

- a route through the hospital grounds, and
- a narrow residential road not designed for increased traffic flow.

Padel courts typically generate higher turnover and more frequent usage compared with traditional tennis. Increased vehicle movements in an already constrained area will raise safety concerns for residents, hospital visitors, staff, and pedestrians.

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2. Insufficient Parking and Existing Pressure

The site already accommodates multiple busy facilities, including:

- a football club,
- a swimming pool, and
- a bowls club.

During peak periods, parking is already severely strained. The addition of padel courts-without dedicated new parking-will intensify congestion, increase roadside and potentially unsafe parking, and place additional pressure on surrounding residential streets.

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3. Cumulative Impact on the Local Area

Traffic, noise, and general activity levels are already high during events at the existing facilities. The proposed development would intensify these impacts, altering the quiet and residential character of the area and reducing the amenity of neighbouring properties.

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4. Location Not Suitable for a High-Turnover Sports Facility

Padel courts tend to attract frequent, back-to-back sessions and therefore require appropriate infrastructure, multiple safe access routes, and adequate parking provision. This site does not meet these requirements. The proposal is incompatible with the existing road layout and surrounding residential environment.

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Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that Mid Sussex District Council refuse planning application DM/25/1185. Should the council consider continuing with the proposal, I would strongly urge a full transport, parking, and safety assessment to be conducted, taking into account the cumulative pressures already experienced in this area.

Thank you for considering my objection.

[Redacted Signature]

Kind regards