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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1057

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/05/2025 2:16 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Burgess Hill School For Girls Keymer Road Burgess Hill West
Sussex RH15 0EG

Proposal: Revision to floodlighting fittings and hours of operation.

Case Officer: Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address: 9 Ferndale Road Burgess Hill

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I must strongly object to planning No. DM/25/1057 for permission to increase the cut off time of the floodlights on the 2 netball/tennis courts to 9pm Mon - Fri.

The back of my property looks directly over to the 2 courts and in winter we have no leaf coverage to protect us from the glare of the floodlights on the courts and surrounding area including the bottom of our garden.

30 years ago this was a grassed and wooded area of the school, then in 2004 permission was granted for the 2 courts without

floodlights. This greatly increased noise to us even at weekends as the courts are hired out to clubs.

In 2015 the school was permitted floodlights on these courts. Mr Bennett, Environmental Officer for MSDC, only allowed the floodlights to be used until 7pm to protect the amenity of adjacent properties. Nothing has changed since 2015 except 2 big trees have been lost between us & the courts, one being a large conifer, which has opened up more of our view of the courts in the winter and spring months when the floodlights are used the most.

You may not be aware that the school already has a set of courts within its grounds with floodlight use to 10pm. These are much further away from any neighbouring properties. Surely this is sufficient and a reason to leave the 7pm in place on the courts that directly impact residents.

By increasing the time to 9pm on the courts in this planning application, which are in a conservation area and home to a large amount of wildlife, will impact greatly on my enjoyment of my property and my wellbeing.

Kind regards