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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 02/05/2026 5:14 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	McDonald's 165 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1ET
Proposal:	Variation of condition no 11 relating to planning application GR/199/96 - to extend the restaurant's opening hours.
Case Officer:	Andrew Horrell

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Customer Details

Address:	White Lion Close 43 East Grinstead
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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 proposed removal of Condition 11 for the following reasons: Growth in Nearby Residential Development:- Since 1996, several apartment developments have been constructed close to the McDonald's site. Removing the restriction would expose a significantly larger residential population to late-night noise, lighting and disturbance than was envisaged when the condition was imposed. The appointed agency, Savills, appear to rely on outdated assumptions, which does not reflect the

current residential character of the area.

Noise Impact:-

The Noise Impact Assessment was conducted at an unrepresentative time, reliant on monitoring undertaken over a small number of nights in February 2026, typically one of the quietest periods of the year for outdoor activity. These findings cannot reasonably represent conditions during spring and summer, when evening activity increases substantially. Even limited late-night activity such as voices, vehicle engines, car doors closing, headlights and music, impact significantly in quieter night-time conditions.

Existing Pattern of Anti-Social Behaviour Could Increase:-

White Lion Close residents already experience regular night-time disturbance linked to antisocial behaviour, particularly between Thursday and Sunday. Groups frequently gather in nearby areas and the issues related to anti-social behaviour are reflected in local police records. Extending trading to 24 hours would likely increase both the duration and frequency of these disturbances.

Litter, Food Waste and Vermin:-

McDonald's packaging and food waste are regularly found in White Lion Close, along London Road and St James Road, and particularly in King George's Field. The problem is most evident between Thursday and Monday. This detracts from an important public green space used by local families and apartment residents without private gardens. Discarded food waste also attracts vermin, with rats already frequently observed near the seating area and children's playground.

Condition 11 remains an essential safeguard for residential amenity and I respectfully request that the proposed variation is refused.

Kind regards