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To: "Stefan Galyas" <stefan.galyas@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 08/09/2025 12:11 PM.

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 (Acoustic report received 21.08.2025)
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address: 17 Cavendish House Southdowns Park Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Padel is quite a noisy sport and outdoor courts will impact resident's mental wellbeing with the continuous thumping and crashing sounds of racket on ball and ball on grill ,the courts and floodlights are proposed to be seven days a week 8 am to 10 pm giving absolutely no respite to residence .Estimates vary that the sound of the paddle ball rebounding off one of the court surfaces is at least twice as loud as a shot being played in tennis and this will result in noise complaints.

Outdoor padel courts have been banned in several areas including Guildford and Bath to name a few due to noise concerns . The mixture between tennis and squash is often played on an enclosed court with no roof which means the acoustics will often result in noise travelling further than in any sport such as tennis or five aside football pitches.

South Downs Park is directly affected and being a grade 2 listed building. We do not have the luxury or possibility of installing double or triple glazed windows or acoustic laminated glass which is often used to reduce noise pollution in buildings. There are 198 units on site of which many are retired residence who will be home during the day and as such their peace and quiet will be continuously disturbed Whilst I welcome additional leisure facilities they need to be indoor courts with soundproofing and therefore I would like to register my objection to outdoor paddle court's due to noise and light pollution which I believe will adversely affect residence of South Downs Park and surrounding areas.

Kind regards