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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1315

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/06/2026 5:26 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:	47 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:	Building on an area of land which is widely used by the local community for leisure activities, dog walking, children playing and access to local amenities. We use daily for access to shops and station. It would result in the felling of a large number of trees and shrubs which provide a valuable habitat for numerous birds including green and great spotted woodpeckers. It would result in a serious loss of biodiversity and open green space in an area which has already expanded with many new houses in the last 10 years,

Gatesmead is a narrow, residential cul-de-sac which is inadequate for large construction vehicles which would cause difficulty in accessing my property. It raises safety issues because of parked cars, bends and a general lack of visibility.

Water is a major issue. South East Water currently struggle to consistently supply water to the existing houses and there is normally a hosepipe ban for more than half the year. The stream at the end of Gatesmead would be affected and this will increase the risk of flooding. The South East is already identified as a water stressed area by the environment agency.

Local services such as doctors, dentists, hospitals and schools are already under severe pressure and it is very difficult to get appointments to see a GP or referral to a hospital consultant.

Wickham Woods is one of only six sites in Haywards Heath of nature conservation importance.

We object to DM/26/1315 and request the application be refused, but if it is to be determined it should be by the Planning Committee not delegated powers, due to the significance of the site, the unresolved legal status of DMMO/22 and the impact on two grade 2 listed buildings.

Kind regards