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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 07/06/2026 7:27 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:	65 Sunte Avenue Lindfield 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:	I wish to formally object to the proposed housing development on the fields near Lindfield. My objection is based on the following planning concerns: 1. Pressure on Local Infrastructure Lindfield and the surrounding area have already experienced significant housing growth in recent years. Existing infrastructure is struggling to keep pace with this expansion.

Additional housing would place further pressure on:

Local roads and junctions, which already experience congestion during peak times.

GP surgeries and healthcare services, where obtaining appointments is becoming increasingly difficult.

Local schools and childcare provision, which are facing increasing demand.

Public transport services that are already limited for many residents.

The proposal does not appear to demonstrate that adequate infrastructure improvements will be delivered alongside the development.

2. Cumulative Impact of Existing Development

Numerous housing developments have already been approved and constructed in and around Lindfield and the wider Mid Sussex area. The cumulative impact of these developments must be properly assessed.

The continued loss of greenfield land, without corresponding investment in infrastructure, risks altering the character of the village and reducing residents' quality of life.

3. Loss of Valuable Green Space and Countryside

The proposed development would result in the loss of attractive open countryside that contributes significantly to the rural setting and character of Lindfield.

These fields:

Provide important visual separation between built-up areas.

Contribute to the village's distinctive landscape.

Offer residents and visitors attractive views and a connection to the countryside.

Support local wildlife and biodiversity.

Once this land is developed, the loss will be permanent and irreversible.

4. Harm to the Character and Identity of Lindfield

Lindfield is valued for its historic village character and its relationship with the surrounding countryside.

Building on these fields would erode the rural setting that makes the area special and risks creating further urbanisation around the village. Development of this scale would be out of keeping with the established character of the area and would diminish the sense of place enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

5. Environmental and Biodiversity Concerns

The site provides habitat and movement corridors for local wildlife. Development would inevitably increase disturbance, noise, traffic, and light pollution, potentially harming local biodiversity.

The long-term environmental value of the site should be given significant weight in the planning process.

Conclusion

While the need for housing is recognised, development should not come at the expense of already strained infrastructure, the loss of valuable countryside, and the erosion of Lindfield's unique character. Given the cumulative impact of recent developments and the significant harm that would result from building on these fields, I respectfully request that this application be refused.

Kind regards