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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 07/05/2026 9:53 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	5 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 7PQ
Proposal:	Change of Use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to children's residential care home (Use Class C2) for up to (2/3) children. No external alterations proposed. (additional information received 30.03.2026, 07.04.2026, 01.05.2026 and 06.05.2026)
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address: 4 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Having reviewed the additional operational documentation submitted after the original consultation period, I remain concerned that the proposal represents a materially intensified and professionally managed care use rather than a typical residential occupation. The documents confirm: - daytime, evening and waking-night staffing arrangements;

- the potential for additional one-to-one staffing provision;
- formal visitor management procedures;
- structured safeguarding and incident-management protocols;
- and procedures relating to missing children and high-risk safeguarding situations.

While these measures are understandable within a residential care setting, they nevertheless demonstrate a level of operational activity materially different from that ordinarily associated with a family dwellinghouse.

The submitted information therefore appears to reinforce concerns regarding intensification of use, vehicle movements, staff shift changes, operational activity, and the potential impact on neighbouring residential amenity within this quiet residential setting.

As an adjacent neighbour, I am particularly concerned by the statement from the operators that " The home also includes a spacious garden designed to encourage gardening projects, including growing our own produce. There are two patio areas - one adjoining the kitchen and the other on a raised deck at the rear of the garden." This makes it sound more like a school playground and will undoubtedly lead to a significant increase in noise and disturbance over and above what would be expected from a domestic household.

This application will without doubt lead to a significant intensification of use, despite the applicant trying to make it seem that this will be akin to a normal family home. It's just a shame that no consultation with neighbours was undertaken prior to this application which could have allayed some of the fears highlighted in the objections.

In light of the substantial additional information submitted after the original consultation period, I respectfully request that the Council undertakes further neighbour consultation before determining the application.

Kind regards