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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1057

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2025 10:25 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Burgess Hill School For Girls Keymer Road Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 0EG
Proposal:	Revision to floodlighting fittings and hours of operation.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	5 Ferndale Road Burgess Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	The rear of our property backs on to the school tennis courts that are subject to application DM/25/1057 and I object to the proposals for the following reasons:- 1) The courts behind our property currently enjoy the use of floodlighting (DM/15/0560) which, despite Oliver Benson's comments that there has not been any objection in the past, we in fact did object to this application at the time of submission. Whilst we were not happy with the Planning Committees decision over the use of floodlighting we reluctantly accepted the situation.
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2) Whilst modern floodlighting minimises "light overspill", at night the courts themselves are lit up with a brilliant light backdrop to the dark woodland area which is offensive to the eye and contravenes Section DP29 of the Local Plan.

The school should have planted fast growing evergreen trees around the periphery of the courts to overcome this.

3) The time extension to 2100 hours is well outside standard school hours. The 7pm restriction was put in place in the earlier application following the Mid Sussex District Council statement "to protect the amenity of local residents", what has changed?

4) Reference to the Burgess School for Girls website refers to the hiring out of school facilities including the tennis courts. One would therefore assume from the above that there is a commercial element to this application, the proposals for extended hours being more for the commercial gain of the school rather than for the benefit of the pupils. With the use of the courts by members of the public there will be disturbance, by noise and car parking in a residential street by increasing hours of use well into the evenings.

I would point out that the use of the courts by pupils are well supervised and the girls generally well behaved. I would emphasise that this fact goes some way to us accepting the current situation. Access by unsupervised members of the public to late in the evening brings us into a totally different "ball game" - excuse the pun, where we, as neighbours, would draw the line against this commercial venture.

In conclusion this is an inappropriate, unsympathetic and unwarranted proposal causing light pollution in a mature Conservation Area damaging the dark woodland environment.

The proposal, therefore, contravenes the objectives of the Mid Sussex District Plan particularly with reference to section DP29 - Noise, Air and Light Pollution and DP35 Conservation Areas. For these reasons I formally object to this application.

I see that a similar application has been submitted under DM/25/1058, for the Astro Turf courts where my comments and objections set out above would also .apply

Kind regards