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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 22/06/2026 5:58 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:	38 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:	I wish primarily to object strongly to this application on the grounds of safety. And also on loss of amenity space and the damage to the environment of Wickham Farmhouse and Sunte House both of which are grade II* listed. The access through Gatesmead when it was designed in the 1970s never envisaged the amount of traffic there is in 2026. Most houses probably have 2 cars, all going out and returning for

school runs, nurseries, work and after school activities. Then there are the delivery vans and internet shopping vans.

Gatesmead being the only adopted access road for this development is an accident waiting to happen. Particularly on the sharp corner coming down from Birchen Lane. There have been lots of near misses as cars going up more often than not cut the corner. Today there happened to be a workman needing to stop outside no 1 for several hours. There was no visibility going out.

I also object to the loss of amenity green space. This is the last bit left which allows people to get out in the countryside to walk round the fields. It is currently is very well used, as the worn paths demonstrate. Any amount of green space in the plans would never make up for this loss. There would also be a loss of habitat for flora and fauna, which is said to be very important these days.

The impact on Wickham Farmhouse and Sunte House both grade II* listed would be detrimental as documented by Historic England and other objectors. The impact includes light, noise, activity as well as visual impact from the buildings.

With houses being built or planned all over Haywards Heath, there is no assurance that any section 106 money would be sufficient to provide desperately needed community facilities like doctors, dentists, schools and a rebuild of an insufficient an old, out of date leisure facility at the Dolphin

As a vent of frustration, Crest Nicholson who also built the Birchen Fields new houses 8 years ago, billed themselves as 'considerate constructors'. This was far from the case. They broke several of the planning conditions during the build, the most notable was the failure to ever install a lorry wheel wash at the exit of the site, despite repeated requests from the neighbouring residents. Their legacy left Gatesmead with subsidence which has never been repaired from the constant heavy lorries. The build vehicles destroyed the surface of both Gatesmead and Birchen lane, neither of which have ever been made good. Some of the potholes mended earlier this year lasted barely 3 weeks.

The street lights in the new part stay on all night not like the rest of Gatesmead and other residential areas in the town.

It took 6 years for the footpath from Wickham Way to the golf course to be made passable. This was billed to be the main sustainable walk route to Haywards Heath in the plans for Birchen fields.

I hope you take my points seriously in objecting along with the many other objectors. Thank you.

Kind regards

