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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0540

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/03/2026 5:27 PM.

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.
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:	I write to formally object to planning application DM/26/0540, which proposes the change of use of 5 Orchard Close, Scaynes Hill, to a residential care home for children. I live next door to the application site. My objection is based on the direct and material impact this proposal would have on my residential amenity, safety, and quality of life, as well as the wider character of this small road. 1. Direct Impact on My Residential Amenity

My property is located immediately adjacent to the application site, and I am therefore particularly concerned about the intensification of activity that this proposal would bring.

At present, Orchard Close is a quiet residential environment, with activity levels consistent with single-family homes. The proposed use would introduce:

- Regular staff shift changes
- Increased visitor numbers
- Deliveries and service visits
- Potential activity at unsociable hours

From my position as a neighbour, this may result in:

- Increased noise levels, particularly during early mornings, evenings, and weekends
- Disturbance from vehicle movements and door activity
- A noticeable erosion of the quiet enjoyment of my home and that of other neighbours/residents

This represents a significant and harmful change from the current residential use.

The proposal risks altering the established character of the close in a way that is not in keeping with its surroundings.

These impacts would be out of keeping with the expectations of a low-density residential road.

2. Overlooking, Disturbance and Loss of Privacy

Given the proximity of my property to No. 5, the increased number of occupants and staff would inevitably lead to:

- Greater overlooking from windows and outdoor areas
- Increased general activity in the immediate vicinity of my boundary

This would result in a loss of privacy and increased sense of intrusion, which is materially different from living next to a single household.

3. Unsuitable Location for This Type of Use

Having lived in Orchard Close for a number of years, I can say that it is a small, quiet, and close-knit residential road, wholly characterised by family housing.

In my view, this proposal represents a fundamental change in the nature of the neighbouring use, introducing a level of activity and operational demand that is simply not compatible with the setting. This is not a mixed-use area or a location with the infrastructure to support such a use.

4. Cumulative Impact on Living Conditions

Taken together, the above impacts would result in a material and unacceptable deterioration in my living conditions, including:

- Increased noise and disturbance
- Loss of privacy
- Traffic and parking pressures
- Reduced sense of residential security and tranquillity

These are not minor or speculative concerns-they arise directly from the day-to-day realities of living immediately next to the site.

Conclusion

While I recognise the importance of providing care facilities, this proposal places such a use in a clearly unsuitable location, to the

detriment of neighbouring residents.

As someone directly affected, I respectfully request that the Council refuse planning permission for application DM/26/0540 on the grounds of:

- Harm to residential amenity
 - Over-intensification of use
 - Highway and parking impacts
 - Incompatibility with the character of Orchard Close
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Kind regards