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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@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 05/06/2026 10:27 AM.

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:	3 Yarrow Gate Lindfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I strongly object to the proposed allocation and development of Wickham Fields for 49 homes. Wickham Fields is one of the last remaining areas of open countryside and green space in this part of Haywards Heath. It is used daily by walkers, families, cyclists and local residents of all ages and provides an important connection to nature within an increasingly urbanised area. As a local resident, I regularly walk across these fields and my son frequently uses them to ride his bike. This space is not simply

an undeveloped field; it is a valued recreational area that contributes significantly to the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community.

The loss of Wickham Fields would permanently damage the rural character of this part of Haywards Heath and remove a piece of countryside that cannot be replaced once built upon. Open green spaces are becoming increasingly scarce, and this field acts as an important buffer between existing housing and the wider countryside.

I am also concerned about the cumulative impact of further development on local infrastructure, traffic congestion, schools, healthcare services and biodiversity. Before any consideration is given to building on this site, the long-term effects on local residents, wildlife and community wellbeing should be fully assessed.

Wickham Fields has significant value to the local community in its current form. Future generations should be able to enjoy the same access to open countryside that residents enjoy today. I respectfully ask Mid Sussex District Council to reject the inclusion of this site for development and protect this important green space.

Once Wickham Fields is lost to development, it is lost forever; no amount of landscaping within a housing estate can replace genuine open countryside that is already loved and used by the community

Kind regards