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To: "Stefan Galyas" <stefan.galyas@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 06/07/2025 12:04 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports And Social Club Colwell Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EZ
Proposal:	Temporary (36 months) permission for change of use of existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works.
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address: 17 Park West Southdowns Park Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to register my objection to the proposed conversion of the existing tennis courts near my residence into padel courts. While I appreciate efforts to encourage community sport, this proposal raises several concerns: 1. Noise and Disturbance: Padel is a faster-paced, louder game often played in enclosed courts, which can amplify sound. The potential increase in noise levels-especially with extended evening

use under lights-would significantly impact the peace and enjoyment of nearby homes.

2. Parking and Traffic Pressure: Padel typically attracts group play and spectators. This could lead to increased traffic and strain on local parking, particularly on weekends and evenings when the area is already busy.

3. Change in Character of the Area: The proposal shifts the use of a longstanding, low-impact community facility to something more commercial in nature. This change risks undermining the quiet, residential character of the neighbourhood.

I urge the planning committee to preserve and improve the existing tennis courts and consider more suitable locations for padel development-ones that are further from residential homes and better equipped for increased traffic and noise.

Kind regards