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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1315

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/06/2026 12:11 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:	16 Alder Way 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 strongly object to this application due to the proposed access arrangements via Gatesmead and the significant highway and pedestrian safety concerns this would create. Gatesmead is a quiet residential cul-de-sac designed to serve existing homes, not a development of 49 additional dwellings. The road is heavily used by families and children, including those accessing the local playground and open space. Throughout the day, and particularly after school and during weekends, large

numbers of children walk, cycle, scooter and play in the immediate vicinity of the proposed access route.

The application does not adequately address the impact of construction traffic on this residential environment. During the build period, heavy goods vehicles, plant machinery, delivery lorries and contractor vehicles would be required to travel through Gatesmead on a regular basis. This would introduce a level of traffic wholly out of character with the road and would create an unacceptable risk to children and other vulnerable road users who currently use the area safely.

The concerns do not end once construction is complete. The development would permanently introduce a substantial increase in vehicle movements through Gatesmead. Residents would experience increased traffic throughout the day, including at school-run times when roads are already at their busiest. More vehicle movements inevitably increase the likelihood of conflicts between vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists, particularly in a residential area where many children live and play.

In my experience, visibility is already constrained by parked vehicles and the layout of the road, and the additional traffic generated by 49 new homes would materially worsen safety conditions. The proposal would fundamentally change the character of Gatesmead from a quiet residential street into the principal access route for a significant housing development.

The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that development should only be approved where safe and suitable access can be achieved for all users. Given the number of children who live in the surrounding area, the proximity of the playground, the anticipated increase in both construction and permanent traffic, and the lack of convincing evidence that these risks can be adequately mitigated, I do not believe the proposal satisfies this requirement.

For these reasons, I object to application DM/26/1315 and request that it be refused. Should the application proceed further, I ask that it be determined by the Planning Committee rather than under delegated powers due to the significant local concerns regarding highway safety and residential amenity.

Kind regards