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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 12:28 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: 11 Sunte Close Haywards Heath West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	object to application DM/26/1315. As a resident of Sunte Close, I am concerned about the impact this development would have on the character of the area, the loss of greenfield land, the erosion of established walking routes and the cumulative impact of further development on the south-eastern edge of Haywards Heath. The application site currently forms an important part of the

transition between the existing built-up area and the surrounding countryside. Although the proposal includes areas of open space, the submitted layout clearly shows that the majority of the site would be urbanised through the construction of housing, roads, parking areas and associated infrastructure. This would fundamentally change the character and appearance of the site and further erode the rural setting of this part of Haywards Heath.

The site is also widely used by local residents for walking, recreation and access to the surrounding countryside. The replacement of existing informal routes and open green space with estate roads and housing would represent a significant loss of public amenity. While new footpaths are proposed, these are not a substitute for the existing open character and recreational value of the site.

I am also concerned about the reliance on access via Gatesmead. Local residents are well aware of existing traffic pressures in the area, and the proposal would introduce additional vehicle movements onto a road network that is already heavily used. The Council should be fully satisfied that the cumulative impact on highway safety, pedestrian movement and local traffic conditions has been properly assessed.

Finally, I ask the Council to give significant weight to the loss of greenfield land, the impact on mature trees, hedgerows and biodiversity, and the cumulative effect of continuing development around Wickham Way, Borde Hill and the wider south-eastern edge of Haywards Heath.

For these reasons I respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

Kind regards