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**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 4:31 PM.

### Application Summary

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| 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

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| Address: | 32 Wickham Close Haywards Heath |
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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Comments:            | <p>I have lived at my current address, which is some 500m from the proposed development for over 35 years. During that time myself and my family have used the undetermined right of way and surrounding paths and apart from the first few years when it used to be grazed by cattle have treated the land as accessible.</p> <p>There would appear that there would be a great wrongdoing should the planning application be approved before WSCC has resolved its own legal position especially if subsequently it it was</p> |

found that a right of way did exist and houses had been built over it.

This proposed housing development would put increased pressure on an already overstretched infrastructure particularly GP access and services demands.

As a volunteer for the local wildlife trust I am most concerned that the loss of habitat for important species will impact further on the continual decline in biodiversity in the most depleted country in the world. In my time living near the proposed development I have witnessed the decline of many species of mammals, birds, insects and reptiles which used to be common in my garden.

With the close proximity of Wickham Farmhouse and Sunte House, both being listed, the whole character of the area will be irrevocably changed by this development.

Access to this site has always been a problem due to the railway, unadopted private roads and the weight limitations of the railway bridge. The Developers solution has been to circumvent this by the unsuitable access to the site via Gatesmead, by roads not designed for the additional traffic particularly during construction.

I object to DM/26/1315 and ask that the application be refused and that if it is to be determined, I ask for it to be considered by the Planning Committee rather than by delegated powers given the significance of the site, the unresolved legal status of DMMO 3/22 and the impact on the Grade II listed buildings.

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Kind regards