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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 25/06/2026 9:08 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: 41 Gatesmead Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	At its heart, this proposal represents the permanent loss of one of the last remaining areas of open countryside in this part of Haywards Heath. The proposal would lead to a significant increase in traffic through the second section of Gatesmead. The application has not adequately demonstrated that this existing residential road is suitable for the level of traffic that would be generated by 49 additional dwellings. Gatesmead has already been extended

beyond its original purpose and was not designed to serve a development of this scale. The proposed highway works, including the addition of dropped kerbs, do not appear sufficient to address the wider concerns regarding traffic volume, road safety and residential amenity.

The application is also being considered while Definitive Map Modification Order 3/22 remains unresolved. More than four years after submission, the legal status of the claimed public right of way remains undetermined. It would be premature to approve a development of this scale before that process has concluded, particularly where the outcome could materially affect public access to and use of the land.

In addition, the site contributes to the setting and significance of two Grade II listed buildings. The National Planning Policy Framework requires great weight to be given to the conservation of heritage assets and their settings. While the applicant's own heritage assessment acknowledges the potential for impact, insufficient weight has been given to the cumulative loss of rural character that would result from replacing open fields with a substantial housing development. The development would erode the open countryside setting that contributes to the significance of these heritage assets.

For these reasons, I object to planning application DM/26/1315 and respectfully request that it be refused.

Kind regards