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To: "Stefan Galyas" <stefan.galyas@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1185

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/06/2025 5:23 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: 23 Cavendish House, Southdowns Park Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to formally object to planning application DM/25/1185 for the temporary (36-month) change of use from existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works at St Francis Sports and Social Club, Colwell Road, Haywards Heath. My reasons for objecting are as follows: 1. Noise and Disturbance Padel is known to generate significantly more noise than traditional tennis due to the harder ball, enclosed court structure,

and social nature of the sport. This would result in increased disturbance to local residents, particularly in the evenings and weekends when the courts are likely to be in heaviest use.

2. Traffic and Parking Impact

The proposal may lead to increased traffic and pressure on local parking. The surrounding roads, especially Colwell Road, are residential and already experience congestion. There is concern that the current infrastructure cannot safely accommodate the expected rise in visitors.

3. Impact on Residential Amenity

The temporary installation of new structures and lighting associated with padel courts may have a negative visual impact on the neighbourhood and reduce the enjoyment of nearby homes and gardens. Extended operating hours could worsen this.

4. Precedent for Permanent Use

Although this is described as a temporary change, there is a strong likelihood that, if granted, this will pave the way for a permanent conversion-effectively removing existing tennis provision and altering the character of the site.

5. Environmental and Light Pollution Concerns

Any associated lighting installations could cause light pollution, affecting local wildlife and residents' sleep and wellbeing.

I request that the Council refuse this application in the interests of protecting local amenity, preserving the character of the area, and avoiding avoidable disruption to nearby residents.

Kind regards