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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/09/2025 9:16 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	21 Wivelsfield Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EF
Proposal:	Erection of two semi-detached dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping and formation of new in - out driveway to serve existing host dwelling at 21 Wivelsfield Road.
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	56 St Edmunds Road 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 have a number of concerns regarding these plans: 1. Biodiversity, heat and carbon capture The plans involve cutting down a clump of mature trees, and the developer's claims that they will be adequately replaced by new shrubs and hedgerows around the property are extremely questionable. These trees provide a cooling effect, carbon capture and a home

for wild life in a very built up area of Haywards Heath. A fox nested there a few years ago, and had several cubs, whilst I have also seen bats and a variety species of bird in the area. These trees have taken years to mature, and no doubt have a complex underground fungal network supporting them. It will take years for new trees and shrubs to grow and develop sufficiently to produce similar effects.

In addition the biodiversity report commissioned by the developer does not take in to account several mature trees that have already been cut down over the past few months.

2. Congestion and risks on Wivelsfield Road

I do not think that the narrow drive way and parking places for 4 cars are going to leave adequate space for cars to turn around, let alone delivery drivers. It is not realistic to assume that delivery drivers can simply park in the main road, as much of the time, this is already congested with cars parked for either Sainsburys Local or the mosque, including cars parked on the double yellow lines.

It will be dangerous enough coming out of the driveway forward, due to the restricted view and surrounding congestion, let alone reversing into the main road.

3. Effect on the owners of surrounding properties

Squeezing 2 semi-detached houses into this space is going to have a major effect on the outlook and the privacy of the residents of several houses in St Edmunds Road. Those people in 50 and 52 directly to the east of the development will clearly be affected most, but the planned houses will also impose on the residents of numbers 54 and 56, and the proposed windows will over look our properties.

The developer is leaving much more space between the planned houses and the older house on his property than between the planned houses and numbers 50 and 52 St Edmunds Road, which does not seem fair.

In conclusion, I think that these plans involve an overdevelopment of the site, which poses a risk to highway safety, biodiversity and the wellbeing of surrounding residents.

Whilst I understand that the council needs to support the construction of more houses in Haywards Heath, I think a more realistic plan would be to build one chalet type house on this site (perhaps similar to the one built a few years ago behind number 51 and 53 Wivelsfield Road), allowing more turning space on the driveway and preservation of most of the trees on the eastern border of the property.

Kind regards

