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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@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 09/06/2026 3:10 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: 49 Balcombe Road Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to express my objection to this planning application and set out my reasoning below. The proposed development would lead to the loss of approximately 11 acres of open grassland, one of the few remaining accessible green spaces within Haywards Heath. This area supports a wide range of wildlife and established habitats that are valuable for biodiversity. Wickham Fields provides important views, open space and contributes to the sense of

openness in this part of Haywards Heath. Its loss would fundamentally alter the local landscape in a negative way.

The site is well used by local residents, including myself daily, for activities such as walking, dog exercise, and informal recreation, such as mountain biking. It has been a well-trodden and valued location by the community for many years. Losing this space would be a tragedy, impacting on both the environment and local residents' quality of life.

Highway Safety and Access Concerns:

Roads in the surrounding area, including Old Wickham Lane and Balcombe Road, already experience significant congestion, particularly during peak times. Traffic regularly backs up along Balcombe Road, which is already extremely busy and can at times be unsafe for both drivers and pedestrians due to the volume and speed of vehicles travelling up and down it. Any additional traffic generated by the proposed development would inevitably worsen these conditions and increase the level of risk.

Local infrastructure Concerns:

Infrastructure in the area is already under considerable strain, and further development would intensify these issues. Current problems include:

- Unreliable water pressure
 - Occasional water outages and restrictions
 - Limited sewage capacity, with risks of flooding or overflow
 - Increasing frequency of pipe failures and repair works
- Key public services are also under growing pressure, including:
- GP surgeries and healthcare provision
 - School places and childcare availability
 - Limited public transport options

I believe there is little evidence that the necessary upgrades to infrastructure would be delivered alongside the development. Without firm commitments, it feels inevitable that existing issues would worsen

Kind regards