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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 09/06/2026 5:38 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:	4 Oak Bank Lindfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Objection to Planning Application - Wickham Fields Development I am writing to strongly object to this planning application. I have lived next to these fields for 30 years and feel I have a right to be heard. My family and I have used these fields almost daily throughout that time, and I have the photographs to prove it. These are not

unused scrublands - they are a genuinely valued public space that our community depends on.

I am also deeply worried about the state of Birchen Lane. The potholes there are already some of the worst I've seen anywhere locally. If the council can't maintain the road as it is now, how on earth is it going to cope with all the extra traffic a new development brings?

The three nearby primary schools are already bursting at the seams, and they sit on quiet residential roads and country lanes. More houses means more children and more cars doing the school run. That is a road safety disaster waiting to happen.

Finally, please don't overlook the wildlife. Wickham Fields is home to the black redstart - there are only 100 breeding pairs left in the entire country. Once this habitat is gone, it's gone forever.

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

Kind regards