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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 10/06/2026 9:45 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:	34 Gatesmead 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 lived on Gatesmead (one of the original build houses) since 2022 and would like to object to this planning application for the following reasons: - Haywards Heath and Lindfield and the surrounding area have had various new built developments of a similar size but there are no additional schools, doctors, roads etc being built and the facilities available are then shared by a greater number of people than they were originally intended for. Due to the railway line there

are very few access points to enter and leave the town. When there are roadworks to one of these the town grinds to a halt. The town cannot sustain any further population and has reached its capacity.

- We purchased our house in the knowledge that it was in the Lindfield primary school catchment area and likely paid a premium for this. However when our child was due to start school there were no spaces at Lindfield primary school and they were instead offered a place at Harlands primary school. This was only facilitated by Harlands creating an additional bubble class for that year's intake. With the extra houses proposed in this development where will the spaces be found for the children of the families who live there to go to school?

- The land in question is well used by the surrounding residents including dog walkers and runners. Aesthetically it is appealing and once it has been build on it is lost for ever. In time we will regret some of the housing development decisions that were taken and the loss of greenspaces that offer both physical and mental benefits to users.

- The residents of Gatesmead have already lived through one period of time where approximately 70 new build houses were constructed. As I understand this was an extremely stressful time for the residents lasting a number of years. There was the constant noise of the supporting lorry traffic delivering and removing material. The road is very bendy and narrow at points and not suitable for large vehicles to constantly be using it. The access point at Birchen Lane is constantly covered with pot holes that likely resulted from the impact of the previous new build development and these are never repaired.

- Some of the residents on Gatesmead have been moved from council tax band F to band G based on a re assessment of the 1991 property value. But since then there have been the approximately 70 new houses and now potentially a further 49 new houses built. This additional volume of traffic completely changes the character of the road and associated property price as it was in 1991. If this development should go ahead then the re-banding decision should be reversed.

Kind regards