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To: "Deborah Lynn" <deborah.lynn@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 10/06/2026 9:15 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	101 South Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4LR
Proposal:	Proposed change of use from former A3 café to retail use within Class E (formerly A1) with extension of opening hours, and use of a small section of pavement area.
Case Officer:	Deborah Lynn

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Customer Details

Address: Flat 22 The Wardian 33 Perrymount Road

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Turning what was a well-loved cafe into YET ANOTHER vape shop on South Road in no way contributes to the local community and the council must consider the impact this will have on a dwindling high street. It will be another scar on what has the potential to be a remarkable destination with views to the South Downs. But it will never be that if the council continues to allow vape shops and fast food outlets to scatter themselves along what is the heart of the

town.

Serving 'cold drinks' where there are numerous outlets already in place on the high street does not constitute a 'community amenity'.

And that is without considering that Top Store has been the subject of an investigation by the BBC that exposed this chain of mini-marts being linked to huge criminal networks.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0mx99ple17o?app-referrer=deep-link>

The fact that this has not been acknowledged by the council shows an unacceptable lack of due diligence and a complete lack of consideration for what the community actually needs.

Kind regards