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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 19/04/2026 1:33 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	5 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 7PQ
Proposal:	Change of Use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to children's residential care home (Use Class C2) for up to (2/3) children. No external alterations proposed. (additional information received 30.03.2026 and 07.04.2026)
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	Junipers Lewes Rd Scaynes Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Good morning, I am writing to formally object to the proposed change of use of the dwelling on Orchard Close to a residential children's home. This property is situated within a quiet residential street in a small rural village with limited infrastructure, and a peaceful

environment. While I fully recognise the importance of providing appropriate care and accommodation for vulnerable children, I believe this particular location is unsuitable for such a development.

1. Unsuitable Location and Lack of Amenities

The village has very limited local amenities, with no meaningful access to shops, healthcare facilities, or support services that would be essential for the wellbeing and development of children in residential care. The absence of such facilities raises concerns about social isolation and the practicality of meeting residents' day-to-day needs.

2. Poor Transport Links

There are no reliable public transport links serving the area - the bus only running once an hour until around 6pm. This does not foster independence and integration for the children. The lack of accessible activities, services, and transport may leave residents with limited opportunities for engagement outside the home. This concerns me that, through no fault of their own, children may become easily bored and frustrated, potentially leading to them congregate in the vicinity of the property. In a quiet residential street not designed for this type of activity, this could increase the likelihood of noise and disruption to neighbouring properties.

3. Impact on Residential Character

The street is currently a quiet residential area. Introducing a children's home risks altering the character of the neighbourhood. This could lead to increased noise, traffic, and general disturbance.

4. Safety and Suitability Concerns

Given the rural and isolated setting, there are concerns about whether the location can provide a safe and supportive environment for children with potentially complex needs.

The surrounding area is used by young children from the local primary school who walk to and from school. The introduction of a use that may increase activity levels, vehicle movements, and congregation in the immediate vicinity raises concerns about the potential impact on their safety and wellbeing.

In summary, while the intention behind the proposal is understood and respected, the chosen location does not seem appropriate for a residential children's home.

Kind regards