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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 06/05/2026 8:03 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	101 South Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4LR
Proposal:	Installation of new shopfront signage (illuminated fascia and vinyl sign).
Case Officer:	Deborah Lynn

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Customer Details

Address:	69 Haywards Road 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:	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed shopfront signage for a new convenience shop at the end of my road. While I appreciate the importance of local amenities, I have significant concerns regarding the nature of this proposed development and its impact on the surrounding residential area.
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Firstly, the proposed use of the premises represents a marked departure from the previous coffee shop, which was a low-impact, community-oriented business. In contrast, a convenience shop selling vapes introduces a different customer profile and raises concerns about increased footfall, loitering, and associated anti-social behaviour.

Secondly, the proposed signage is wholly out of character with the surrounding area. This is a residential street predominantly composed of attractive Victorian family homes, and the scale and style of the signage would detract from the visual amenity and overall character of the neighbourhood.

Furthermore, the application to extend opening hours until 1am on Fridays and Saturdays, and midnight on other days, is particularly concerning. Such late operating hours are inappropriate in a quiet residential setting and are likely to result in significant noise disturbance, including customers arriving and leaving late at night, increased traffic, and general disruption to residents' peace and wellbeing. It is also concerning that this proposal was included within a proposal regarding the installation of new shopfront signage and may not be considered by others who have not read the whole application.

There are also concerns regarding increased litter and waste, which are commonly associated with late-night convenience retail, as well as the potential for the premises to become a focal point for anti-social behaviour.

In summary, this proposal would have a detrimental impact on the character of the area, residential amenity, and the quality of life for local residents. I respectfully urge the planning authority to refuse this application.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.

Kind regards