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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 06/05/2026 8:36 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:	77 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:	As a household, we object to the illuminated signage and extended opening hours of the retail unit. The unit is located in a residential area at the top of Haywards Road. The other retail and food/drink outlets on South Road are all closed before midnight / 1am, so it is inconsistent to have a vape and energy drinks shop open so much later. This could result in people hanging around Haywards Road at night. Haywards Road is a road with many families and children. It could increase litter, noise and antisocial behaviour, particularly given
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the close proximity to Victoria Park and the access to it by Iceland. People gathering around the premises could also intimidate residents walking back from the station particularly in the dark/winter months, especially after the very upsetting attack on the school girl in Clair Park last autumn.

The shop front, fascia and illuminated signage are not in keeping with Haywards Road or South Road. They are very big and colourful and really stand out from a distance and, having been erected a few weeks ago, already make the road look less inviting and have caused a number of negative comments from friends, family and passers-by. This could have a detrimental impact on the road and its properties and the overall image of Haywards Heath town centre. It definitely makes Haywards Road and the town centre look less child/family friendly as it is dominated by vape shops. This will only get worse with illuminated signage and extended opening hours.

There are already two vape shops on South Road, one of which is 2 units away from the one in question.

On this basis, we kindly request that planning permission for the illuminated signage and extended opening hours are rejected.

Kind regards