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To: "Catherine Cardin" <Catherine.Cardin@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 16/03/2026 4:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Fledglings Day Nursery And Pre School North End School North End London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1QQ
Proposal:	Replacement timber shelter.
Case Officer:	Catherine Cardin

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Customer Details

Address:	9 North End, London Road East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I live a few properties from the site and have a direct view of the proposed structure from both my bedroom and my garden. I have no objection in principle to the replacement shelter itself, nor to the continued operation of a nursery at this location. Historically the nursery operated during standard daytime hours and, within that framework, generally caused limited disturbance to neighbouring properties.
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What is relevant in this application is the context around the works currently taking place at the site. The property has undergone extensive renovation internally and externally. Outdoor areas have been reconfigured, previous structures removed, new artificial surfaces installed, and a new entrance arrangement constructed. Taken together, this is not a minor refresh. It is clearly preparation for the reopening of the nursery in Spring 2026 following a substantial investment in the site.

Against that backdrop, it is notable that the only historic planning permission visible on the portal appears to be GR/105/92 - Change of use to B1 (Business). That classification does not appear to reflect the long-established operation of the site as a day nursery. Given the level of investment now being made and the imminent reopening, it would seem appropriate for the Council to clarify or regularise the planning status so that the use class accurately reflects the activity taking place on the site.

The more practical issue concerns the potential intensification of activity associated with the nursery once it reopens.

Historically the nursery operated Monday to Friday between approximately 07:30 and 17:30. Outside those hours the site was typically quiet and not in use. The previous outdoor shelter was open on all sides and the premises were generally vacated by early evening, with no weekend activity.

The proposed structure is materially more substantial and enclosed. That design may enable greater use of the outdoor space in poor weather and could reasonably extend activity later into the day or into weekends.

Traffic pressure is also a longstanding issue at this location. London Road is an extremely busy route and when the nursery car park becomes full, vehicles have previously parked on kerbs, across residential driveways, and in positions that obstruct visibility and traffic flow. The presence of the Tiny Tigers nursery directly opposite, which currently operates 07:30-18:15 on weekdays, creates similar pressures during peak drop-off and collection periods. When activity at both sites overlaps, congestion can escalate quickly, occasionally preventing traffic from passing and leaving nearby driveways obstructed.

None of this is theoretical; it reflects the practical operating conditions previously experienced at the site.

Given that context, the sensible approach would be to ensure that any approval locks the operation into the historic pattern of use, rather than allowing an expansion of activity beyond it.

If planning permission is granted, I would therefore ask the Council to consider conditions that address residential amenity

and highway safety, specifically:

- Restricting nursery operating hours and use of the outdoor areas to 07:30-18:15 Monday to Friday
- Ensuring that the outdoor structure and play areas are not used during evenings or weekends
- Ensuring the development does not lead to additional traffic or parking pressure that would affect neighbouring properties or highway safety.

These measures would allow the nursery to reopen and operate successfully while maintaining the balance that previously existed between the site and surrounding residential properties.

Kind regards