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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1315

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 8:43 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Gatesmead Wickham Way Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed 49 new homes together with open space and associated infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Caroline Grist

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Customer Details

Address:	Brabourne College 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:	I am writing to formally object to planning application DM/26/1315. My connection to this site spans approximately 25 years. I first walked the route across the fields as a pupil at St Paul's Catholic College, Haywards Heath, as part of a sponsored walk - which indicates the route was treated as publicly accessible at least that far back. More recently I have used the route regularly to connect to a walking route to a friend during maternity leave, and continue to use the surrounding area with my family including two children

under four.

I am aware that a Definitive Map Modification Order application (DMMO 3/22), lodged by Haywards Heath Town Council and Lindfield Rural Parish Council in November 2021, remains undetermined by West Sussex County Council despite being lodged over four years ago. My own experience of this route - spanning two and a half decades - is consistent with it having been in long-standing public use. I consider it procedurally wrong for MSDC to determine this application before the legal status of that right of way is established, and I ask that determination of DM/26/1315 be deferred until DMMO 3/22 is resolved.

On ecology, I understand residents have documented nesting raptors, woodpeckers, and Schedule 1 protected species including black redstart and slow worm on the site. I do not consider the applicant's ecology evidence adequate and ask that an independent survey be required before any determination is made. The open grassland and woodland character of the site represents habitat that, once built out, cannot be recovered.

I ask that DM/26/1315 be refused, and if it is to be determined at all, that it be referred to the Planning Committee rather than decided under delegated powers.

Kind regards