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To: "Stefan Galyas" <stefan.galyas@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 01/12/2025 2:05 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports And Social Club Colwell Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EZ
Proposal:	Temporary (36 months) permission for change of use of existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works (Further acoustic and lighting information received 04.11.2025 and plans 07.11.2025 and 11.11.2025)
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address: 15 Park East Southdowns Park Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Further to my previous objection I would also like to object to this repeated application for exactly the same thing, being the change of use of the existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works at St Francis Sports and Social Club, on grounds of excessive noise and disturbance as well as traffic congestion. The new sound reports appear to have been conducted at ground level and thus does not consider how the sound will affect the

higher level apartments. We know how the sound carries from the rugby pitch and no doubt the padel courts will be considerably worse and for much longer periods of time.

The proposed development will also have a profound impact on the appearance of the area. The location, in the midst of a quiet residential area, would be very disturbing for residents of Southdowns Park due to the high levels of noise created during play, both from the padel and ball, and participants. Additionally, the length of time of usage, from 8am until 10pm daily, is not appropriate for such an area and would particularly impact children and others trying to sleep in the evenings, as well as those on shift work. The proposed hours of play are far too long for such a site. It would also create disturbance for those enjoying the quietness of the Southdowns Park gardens and for those at the adjacent and long-established bowling club.

Furthermore, it would create a considerable increase in traffic on what is already a very crowded and overused road. The road running along in front of the swimming pool and tennis courts is narrow with limited parking. Already some of those using the swimming pool are parking in the residents' visitor parking due to lack of other parking, which is already affecting the residents of Southdowns. This detrimental impact would only increase with the padel courts. The area already has the bowls club, the swimming pool and the sports field and can be very busy at certain times. It cannot accommodate more usage.

Thus, citing the above stated grounds, the proposed development is not appropriate for this location and would have an unacceptable and detrimental impact on the adjacent community.

Kind regards