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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 09/09/2025 3:06 PM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports And Social Club Colwell Road<br>Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EZ                                                        |
| Proposal:     | Temporary (36 months) permission for change of use of existing<br>tennis courts to padel courts and associated works (Acoustic<br>report received 21.08.2025) |
| Case Officer: | Stefan Galyas                                                                                                                                                 |

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### Customer Details

Address: 21 Blenheim Mews Southdowns park haywards heath

### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Comments:            | With noise levels potentially reaching 70-90 dB, this would present a significant disturbance to residents. The World Health Organisation guidelines state that noise levels 'should not exceed 55dB for outdoor areas where people spend time.' but the noise levels are likely to exceed this, therefore ruining the quality of life for residents who have the right to enjoy the tranquility of the |

grounds, which given the history of the site, was exactly what they were created for; to provide a tranquil setting to help in the treatment of mental health patients. The noise from the proposed site could create mental health problems.

The Environmental Protection Act (1990) and the Control of Pollution Act 1974, would mean that local authorities could take action to address noise nuisance that disrupts the enjoyment of the environment and this would be called upon to take necessary action, particularly given the fact that the noise would also continue into the evening. Surely, any approval of this planning application would mean that the council would be in breach of the environmental protection act and could therefore be taken to court?

There are very limited parking facilities, so no doubt the inevitable increase in traffic would see visitors parking in private parking spaces, with the overflow spilling onto Colwell Road and other local residential streets which are already over utilised by visitors to the hospital.

The increase in vehicles using these narrow roads around the site would present an additional and unacceptable risk of danger to walkers, dog owners and their pets, disabled people and children.

We are all aware that when a temporary planning permission is granted, this often leads to an application for a permanent status, which is all too often approved. Therefore, it would be disingenuous of the council to approve a 3 year temporary application.

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Kind regards