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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Consultee Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2884

Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 26/02/2026 5:02 PM from Haywards Heath Town Council on behalf of Parish Consultation.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/2884
Address:	Land Adj. To 48 Wickham Way Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1UQ
Proposal:	Erection of a dwelling house on land adj to 48 Wickham including solar panels to the roof (Amended plans received 21.01.25)
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Comments Details

Comments:	The Town Council objects to this application, noting that the submission is fragmented and lacks the necessary documentation required for proper consideration. Specifically, the Council highlights the following policy conflicts:
	Design and Character: In the absence of street scene images, the Council cannot consider if the proposal is "sympathetic to local character and history" or if it maintains a "strong sense of place," as required by NPPF Paragraph 135. Without this evidence, the Council is concerned that the development represents an inappropriate increase in housing density that would negatively impact the existing street scene.
	Biodiversity and Trees: The Council notes the proposed removal of several mature trees. NPPF Paragraph 136 states that "trees make a critical contribution to the character and enjoyment of the urban

environment" and that councils should ensure that "existing trees are retained wherever possible." We therefore request a formal opinion from the Mid Sussex District Council Tree Officer and a full tree report to justify this loss. (It should be noted that the Tree Officer report was not available online when the Planning Committee considered this application).

Parking and Highway Safety: The Council seeks clarification on resident parking and the potential reduction of existing provision for 48 Wickham Way. This is vital to ensure the development provides adequate parking, both for the existing and proposed properties. It is noted that the proposed property is a 4-bedroom house and should therefore have provision for 2.5/3 parking spaces.

Therefore, the Town Council wishes to reiterate its comments submitted on 15/12/2025. Without clear documentation and arboricultural evidence, the Council remains concerned about the cumulative impact of housing density, which has been a historic issue for this site.

Kind regards