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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@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 09/06/2026 12:10 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:	102 Penland 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:	This is one of the last open spaces within the Haywards Heath built up area. It was not included in the recent extensive council district plan review for this reason. We have lost too many green spaces over the last thirty years and I would not want this to go. Unfortunately the developer was able to obtain planning permission next to Gatesmead a few years ago which created a route into these fields. My principle objections are as follows:- Loss of biodiversity within the town and the destruction of these 11 acres of green space and the accompanying eco system.

England has lost a vast amount of its wildlife since 1960 and since 1970 England's birds have reduced in number by a third, with many native creatures now in danger of extinction. Much of this is due to increasing urbanisation/ loss of habitat.

As we know people depend on nature for their well being and the loss of these fields within the built up area would be a big blow to all of us.

For practical reasons this would mean a lot more regular traffic through Gatesmead onto Portsmouth Lane and down to the small junction of Sunde Avenue, Summerhill Lane and Gander Hill. It will be hugely disruptive for residents in Gatesmead during the construction process. I urge the council to remove this site from the additional sites list.

Kind regards