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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@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 21/08/2025 7:38 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Sussex House Perrymount Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1DN
Proposal:	Demolition of the existing buildings and construction of a new food store (Use Class E(a)), with access, car and cycle parking, landscaping and associated works. (Amended plans received 4/08/2025 including a 'Copenhagen' crossing along the site entrance, the installation of cricket nets, amendments to the landscaping strategy and updated Retail Impact Assessment.)
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address: 9 Farlington Close Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	There are two major supermarkets within a quarter of a mile of the new proposed Aldi store in Haywards Heath that covers the local catchment area, so why add yet another one. The planned location is proposed in an already congested and

busy area which is made up of the following.

Bus Stops on either side of the road outside of the planned location.
Pedestrian Controlled Traffic Lights
Busy roundabout that has a lot of traffic circulating it throughout the day leading to key destinations within Haywards Heath and other local towns and villages.
Railway Station, pick up and drop off which is a few hundred metres away.
Petrol station and local garage
Entrance to Clair Hall and Car Park
Nursery opposite side of the road
Waitrose and Station car park entrance & exit roads
Local businesses around the roundabout area
Fire and Ambulance Station just off the main roundabout

All of the above items are as mentioned in a busy and congested area at the best of times and at certain times of the day mornings and evenings commuter traffic to the station and those passing through are effectively all converging into a very small area. Add a new Aldi supermarket into this mix with all the customer movement of traffic on and off site will just add to the congestion. We need less congestion not more.

The proposal is also located very close to residential areas which would suffer from the constant movement of traffic and also the noise generated by a supermarket, such as deliveries of large vehicles, loading and unloading and until what time in the evening and also how early in the morning, this would be very unfair on the local residents.

Aldi should focus its plans on areas that lack supermarket facilities and help support growth and jobs where they are needed. Personally I cannot see why Haywards Heath needs and Aldi / another supermarket when we already have what we have and this proposal would just add to congestion in a very busy location.

Haywards Heath already has two major supermarkets within a quarter of a mile of the proposed Aldi store and a further good selection of other supermarkets in the neighbouring town of Burgess Hill. There are also plenty of other smaller supermarkets, such as Tesco Express, Sainsburys Local, CO-OP that are located in Haywards Heath with a small Morrisons on the outskirts of Wivelsfield a few miles away and then there are the small stand alone shops that provide a small selection of what the previously mentioned supermarkets provide.

So by adding Aldi into the mix, how can it benefit the area when we are already overloaded with the same thing , if anything it will take away business from those businesses already in place so that is not going to benefit the area.

Sussex House is a perfectly good building being used by a financial organisation and maybe would be better used for conversion to housing with a limited number of dwellings, the demolition and rebuilding on that site over how ever many months will cause the usual mess and disruption that these sites normally create.

So a full objection as far as I am concerned.

Kind regards