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Sent: 22 June 2026 14:56
To: Caroline Grist
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1315

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 22/06/2026 2:55 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:	9 Wickham Close 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:	I feel that I must object to this proposal on many grounds. 1) Wickham Fields have had common access for many years and are regularly used for dog walking, recreation and as a therapeutic open space to escape the complexities of modern life. It is also a haven for all forms of wildlife. 2) the proposed access road would need to cut across an existing public footpath thus creating a hazard to all users. How would the developer divert this safely and without blocking it? 3) Haywards Heath is already overcrowded without additional strains on its resources. Ardingly reservoir cannot cope with supplying our water now and the doctor/patient ratio in the town is amongst the highest in the country. Schools are at or near capacity, our roads are littered with potholes and the town regularly clogs with traffic. These houses will add up to another 100 cars vying for road space 4) this development only takes up part of Wickham fields and makes provision for just 15 affordable houses. I am not naive enough to think this will not be just phase one of a much bigger, more damaging estate. Despite the laughable blurb from Crest Nicholson, our lives will

be far from being enriched. They and those of future generations will be irreparably damaged beyond measure.

Finally, I would like to remind the councillors who will debate this, that they are elected by the people of Haywards Heath to act for them and not to do the bidding of central government or large developers.

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Kind regards