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To: "Stefan Galyas" <stefan.galyas@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1185

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/09/2025 12:23 PM.

Application Summary

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

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Customer Details

Address: 9 Park West Haywards Heath West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	As a resident living within the immediate vicinity of the site, I have serious concerns regarding the impact this development will have on the local infrastructure, particularly in the following areas: Increased Traffic and Congestion The surrounding roads are already narrow and not designed to accommodate high volumes of traffic. The addition of new padel courts is likely to attract more visitors, especially during evenings

and weekends, further worsening congestion and potentially increasing the risk of accidents. Emergency vehicle access may also be compromised.

Insufficient Parking Availability

There is already a notable shortage of parking in the area, especially during peak times when the nearby football club and swimming pool are in use. Residents often face difficulties accessing their own homes due to visitors parking inappropriately, including in private residential car parks. Adding new padel courts will exacerbate this problem, leading to further unauthorised parking in private spaces.

Pressure on Local Amenities

The area is already under pressure from existing sports facilities, and adding another high-use facility without sufficient planning for access and infrastructure puts an unfair burden on local residents.

Temporary Use Still Has Long-Term Impact

While the proposal is for a temporary 36-month period, the cumulative impact on residents during that time is significant and should not be underestimated. Temporary permissions often pave the way for permanent change, which is concerning.

I urge the planning committee to consider the very real day-to-day impact this proposal will have on residents and local infrastructure, and to refuse the application on the basis that the current road and parking infrastructure is not suitable to support additional traffic or parking demand.

Kind regards