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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 08/09/2025 9:41 AM.

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: 22 Park West Southdowns Park Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	As new homeowners in the beautiful surroundings of Southdowns Park, we wish to formally raise our objection to the proposed construction of these courts. We are concerned that the recent audio tests do not accurately represent the level of noise the courts will generate. In particular, the tests appear not to have been carried out from the most exposed locations, which will be directly affected by the rallying

sounds of court activity. We feel this does not provide a fair or realistic assessment of the potential disruption.

Beyond the anticipated noise once the courts are in operation, we are also deeply concerned about the increase in building works during construction, as well as the subsequent rise in traffic and footfall once completed. The area is already busy with the football clubs and swimming pool, and further facilities will only draw additional non-residents to linger within the residential area.

The proposed opening hours (seven days a week, from 8am until 10pm) are especially troubling. Such extensive hours would mean that residents are given no time in which to enjoy peace and quiet, as noise and visitor activity would extend throughout the entire week, from early morning until late in the evening. This is wholly incompatible with the tranquil environment that makes Southdowns Park such a special place to live.

Kind regards