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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 15/06/2026 7:35 AM.

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:	14 Queens Rod 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 strongly object to planning application DM/26/1315 for the proposed development of 49 homes on Wickham Fields, Haywards Heath. Wickham Fields is one of the last remaining areas of open countryside and green space in this part of Haywards Heath. It is an important habitat for wildlife, and there are reports of protected species and birds of prey on and around the site making it a valuable stronghold for nature locally. It is also an extremely

valuable recreational space used by local residents of all ages for walking, exercise and wellbeing.

Haywards Heath has been subject to considerable housing development in recent years, but with no accompanying increase in infrastructure: local roads are already heavily congested, especially during rush hour and school-run times; car parking is insufficient as it is and the burden is about to increase with the building of yet another superstore near the station; there is insufficient water capacity locally, with almost permanent hosepipe bans in recent years and no sign of additional development of much-needed reservoirs; local GP surgeries and schools are already under huge pressure with long waiting times for appointments and overly large class sizes. The addition of more housing without significant investment in local infrastructure will place a considerable strain on services that are already struggling to keep pace with demand.

Considering all of these factors, I respectfully would urge the Planning Committee to reject this planning application.

Kind regards