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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 16/06/2026 7:02 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:	38 college road 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 object to this development for a variety of reasons. 1) Undetermined rights of way (DMMO 3/22) - We use this space on a daily basis. It is a well known dog walking area and we regularly see many other dog walkers and walkers in general using this area. 2) Loss of biodiversity / protected species and open green space- this is the only area within this part of town to offer a green space

for animals and the public. I regularly see multiples species when out walking. There will be nowhere for these to go especially with the suggested development very close by at slugworth farm losing further open space.

3) Highways and access - safety, capacity, visibility - this area is already overly populated and busy with cars. Adding additional vast quantities of people and cars needing to drive the surrounding roads, not to mention construction vehicles will cause considerable further damage to roads, and increase the risk to school children and others.

4) Heritage and listed buildings - the 2 listed buildings are what defines this area and makes it an area that people come to walk and visit.

5) Drainage, flooding and infrastructure capacity - we already have significant issues with capacity at local GPs, hospitals, schools and dentists. This will cause further strain on these resources. Especially if the development (within the local plan) goes ahead at slugworth farm just further up the road. The developments aim at families and the quantity needing additional childcare/nurseries/school places will be significant. The flooding and drainage in the area is already not great, so again adding significant numbers of housing especially at the top of a hill will severely impact the surrounding houses. Additionally the land is not great at drainage currently.

The loss of this local resource for children, dogs, local residences and families would be significantly felt if this development is allowed to go ahead. It would change the area for the worse and fundamentally change the area from a countryside location to a suburban. This would be a negative outcome and negatively affect the children growing up in this area, many of which are in families who moved to this area for the countryside access and wildlife.

Kind regards