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

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/12/2025 8:44 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 (Further acoustic and lighting information received 04.11.2025 and plans 07.11.2025 and 11.11.2025)
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address: The Penthouse 24 Cavendish House, Southdowns Park Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	The sound test does not consider the prevailing winds from the South which carry from the South Downs through Wivelsfield and regularly hit the Southern elevations of Southdowns Park. When sound travels with a strong, prevailing wind, the sound waves are bent or "refracted" downward toward the ground. This happens because wind speed is slower near the surface (due to friction from the ground and obstacles) and increases with

altitude. The faster-moving air higher up causes the top of the sound wave to move faster than the bottom, tilting the wave back toward the ground. This effectively "focuses" the sound energy at ground level, allowing it to be heard over much longer distances and at higher volumes than in still air conditions.

Kind regards