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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 10/09/2025 4:57 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: 12 Bylanes Close Cuckfield 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 member of the St Francis Bowls Club for the past 12 years I address my objection to the proposed change of use from the existing Tennis Courts to the provision of a Padel Court Complex on the following basis. The interference by the continual noise and movement during the padel games would have a fundamental effect on those engaged in the playing of bowls. Notwithstanding the potential to provide a noise/visual barrier in the absence of a roof the noise would

continue to reverberate.

There are inadequate parking facilities which would inevitably lead to a shortage of parking spaces specifically when matches are being played at the Bowls Club. Furthermore, there is no provision for toilets and changing facilities which may well compromise Health and Safety Regulations.

The Bowls Club exists for its members and to facilitate matches with other clubs and the holding of numerous competitions and events including the sponsorship of various charities. Much funding is derived from these activities and there is a risk these would be abated in the event that other clubs may withdraw from playing matches at our home venue.

It is further noted that the Application is for a temporary period of 36 months when it is proposed that the existing courts be moved to the nearby football pitch after the expiry of this period. This does not on the face of it make commercial sense and why the Padel Courts cannot be located in the football site initially and potentially be a more suitable site for the Padel Courts and utilizing the existing facilities of the football club.

There are clearly many items that need to be considered from a Bowls Club perspective and in addition to the many justified objections to the residents of Southdown Park I would urge the Mid Sussex Planning Authority to refuse this Application.

Kind regards