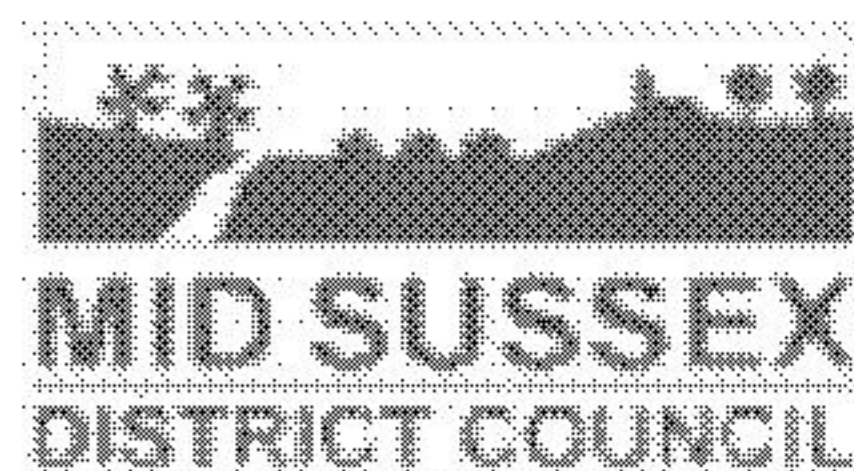


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From: [REDACTED] n>
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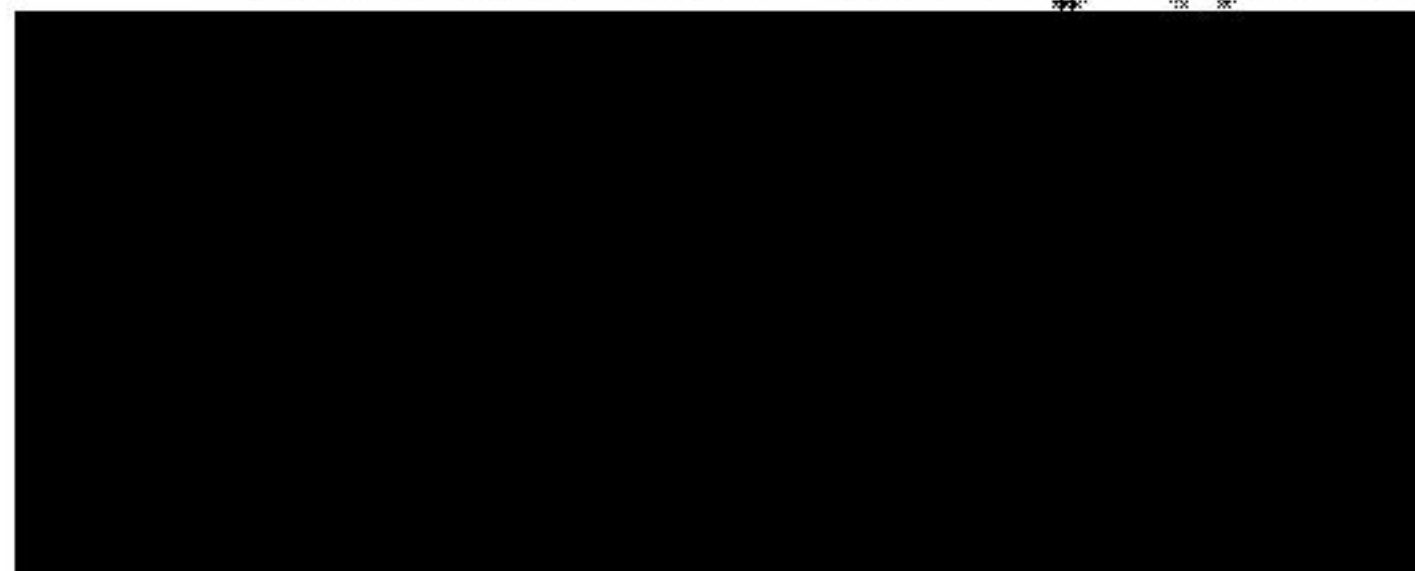
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1. Residents of Southdowns Park already suffer with non-residents speeding along the narrow roadway, which lacks a pavement in some parts.
 2. Non-residents frequently block residents' parking spaces and visitor bays.
 3. Padel is a fast-growing new sport, likely to attract lots of interest, and lots of extra traffic, exacerbating the existing parking problems and danger to pedestrians.
 4. Parking is wholly inadequate. The Pay & Display car park beside the Bowls Club does not appear to be well-used by non-residents visiting the Swimming Pool or Football Club. There is no reason to believe Padel players would be any different.
 5. Southdowns Park is primarily a RESIDENTIAL area with two children's play parks. There is already a swimming pool, football club and bowls club adjacent. These already create more than enough traffic, inconvenience and occasional altercations between residents and non-residents.



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Notification of Planning Application



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DATE: 11th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Application No: DM/25/1185

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)

Location: Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports And Social Club, Colwell Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex

The above planning application has been received and an electronic copy can be viewed on our website www.midsussex.gov.uk/planningregister. Direct access to the planning file may also be made by scanning the QR code below on your smart phone or laptop device. You can also view the application on a computer at the Council offices during normal office hours between 9.45 am and 5 pm Monday – Thursday and 9.45 am – 4 pm Fridays.

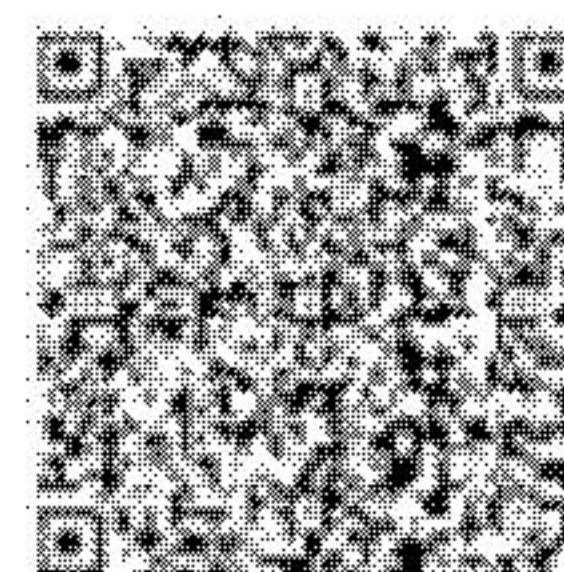
If you want to comment formally on this application, you can do this in writing via the Online Planning Register or you can also submit your comments by letter or by email to the case officer ensuring that you quote application reference number and full postal address. Your comments must be received before 2nd December 2025. Relevant planning matters which can be considered are shown on the reverse of this letter.

All letters will generally be available to view on the Council's website within 5 working days of receipt. Letters will not be formally acknowledged due to the volume of correspondence received. Once made the decision on the application can be obtained by visiting the Online Planning Register.

Please be aware that any written submission you make to us will be available to the general public and may be referred to in reports concerning the proposal. For this reason, letters marked "Confidential" cannot be considered.

Yours faithfully

Ann Biggs
Assistant Director Planning & Sustainable Economy



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ADVICE ON COMMENTING ON PROPOSALS

Finding out about the Application

Try and view the submitted plans and forms before you contact the Council. Either view the plans online by visiting www.midsussex.gov.uk/planningregister, or at our offices in the Planning Reception. Your local town or parish council will also consider the application. Most have regular planning committee meetings and, if so, you may be entitled to go along to hear what is being said. It may also be possible for you to speak at the meeting and the clerk, I am sure, will be happy to advise. After the meeting, the planning committee will submit its recommendations to us for consideration alongside other submissions from interested parties.

If you don't understand any part of the proposal, please telephone the Case Officer (name and telephone number overleaf) to make an appointment.

What to Comment on

All comments we receive about a planning application will be considered, but only planning issues can be taken into account.

These might include:

- The effect of the proposed development on the appearance of the area;
- The quality of the design;
- Significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook;
- The economic benefits of the proposal
- Highway safety issues
- Loss of important trees
- Intrusion into the countryside
- Significantly increased noise and disturbance.

These do not include:

- Loss of view
- Loss of property value
- Loss of trade to a competitor
- Boundary and other disputes between neighbours
- Moral, religious issues

How to Comment on the Application

- Online Planning Register www.midsussex.gov.uk/planningregister. Your email address will automatically be removed from the information that is published on the website.
- By email to: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk
- By letter to the address overleaf

Please ensure that your comments include the application reference number and your name and address.

Decision

About 95% of all applications are decided upon by the Council's planning officers. However, if the proposal is particularly large or very controversial it will usually be referred to a planning committee formed of elected District Council members for a decision. The case officer, whose details are set out at the top of the letter will be able to explain the Council's decision making process to you.

If the application is to be determined by the planning committee and you have made representations you will receive written notification prior to the meeting of the date, time and venue for the meeting. Objectors and other interested parties can address the planning committee. The number of speakers is limited to a maximum of two supporters and two objectors. Each speaker is strictly limited to two minutes.

Relative and regular visitor to Southdowns Park