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To: "Peter Davies" <peter.davies@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0803

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/04/2026 10:10 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Depot Rear Of 25 Gower Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4PL
Proposal:	Retrospective application for the subdivision of an existing Class E commercial unit into two separate Class E units.
Case Officer:	Peter Davies

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Customer Details

Address: Fields House, Gower Road Flat 1 Haywards heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the retrospective planning application for the subdivision of an existing Class E commercial unit into two separate Class E units. While I understand the intention to maximise the use of commercial space, I have significant concerns regarding the impact this change is already having, and will continue to have, on the surrounding area.

Firstly, the subdivision of the unit has resulted in an intensification of use. Two separate businesses operating from the premises are increasing vehicle movements, deliveries, and general activity compared to a single occupier. This is particularly concerning given the existing conditions of the road, which is already under considerable strain.

The road regularly experiences obstruction from parked and abandoned vehicles and is in a poor state of repair. The increase in traffic associated with two commercial units is exacerbating these issues, leading to further congestion and reduced accessibility.

Of particular concern is the impact on access for emergency and essential services. The road serves as a route for ambulances and funeral service vehicles, and any additional obstruction or congestion could have serious consequences for public safety and the operation of these services.

In addition, vehicles frequently park unlawfully, with cones and other obstructions placed on the highway. The intensification of use resulting from this development is worsening these issues, further compromising highway safety and access.

The cumulative impact of increased traffic, poor road conditions, and existing obstructions creates an environment that is harmful to the amenity of nearby residents. The increased activity, congestion, and associated disturbance are causing ongoing stress and disruption to my household and negatively affecting day-to-day living conditions.

Furthermore, the ongoing issues associated with the intensified commercial use are having a detrimental impact on the desirability and enjoyment of neighbouring residential properties. While personal property value is not a material planning consideration, the underlying issues contributing to this-namely increased disturbance, congestion, and reduced accessibility-are directly relevant and should be given significant weight.

As this is a retrospective application, the development has already taken place without prior approval. The current situation clearly demonstrates the harmful impacts in practice, and these should be carefully considered in the determination of this application.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that this application is refused.

Kind regards