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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 10/09/2025 12:53 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: 29 Park West Southdowns Park Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I write following previous submitted objection to the construction of the new Padel courts adjacent to Southdowns Park residential development. Objection having been raised related to noise generated by court activity. Since last correspondence I have met with committee members of both the St Francis Bowls Club and the St Francis Social Club, both of whom acknowledged the concerns related to the noise

that will occur once the new courts are in use.

If the Planning Officers do decide to approve the construction of the new courts then I believe it essential that the developer is instructed to install absorbent acoustic screening around the open sides of the courts along both the Bowls Club lawn and the road facing the Southdowns Park Residences, as part of the approval.

A quality absorbent acoustic barrier will probably cost in the order of £35-£45,000, which in addition to likely construction cost of £120-£150,000 will mean the developer total construction cost will probably be less than £200,000.

Set against the likely income of the courts (at say 60% usage) that will probably be £250,000 per year income, the courts self finance in year one and will provide a profit to the developer of circa £0.5 million over years two and three combined.

Although I hope the decision of the officers is to reject the development, if they do choose to support it then I implore them to ensure that the developer is instructed that he must install a quality acoustic screening system as outlined above.

Thanking you for your attention and hopefully support in this matter.

Regards

Kind regards