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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 23/06/2026 8:28 PM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | Land West Of Gatesmead Wickham Way Haywards Heath West Sussex                 |
| Proposal:     | Proposed 49 new homes together with open space and associated infrastructure. |
| Case Officer: | Caroline Grist                                                                |

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### Customer Details

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| Address: | 38 Wickham Way Haywards Heath |
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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Comments:            | I object to the proposed development of 49 houses on this open green space because it would result in the permanent loss of a valuable natural area that contributes to the character of the local community. The site provides important open space for residents, supports local wildlife, and helps maintain the rural appearance of the area, all of which would be significantly harmed by this development. Wildlife that has been recorded by local residents includes, black redstart (Schedule 1 protected, fewer than 100 UK breeding pairs), slow worm (also protected), green and great |

spotted woodpeckers, buzzards, sparrowhawks and red kites, all of which would be losing their habitat. I am also concerned that developing this site could increase the risk of flooding and surface water problems in the surrounding area. The existing open land naturally absorbs rainfall, whereas replacing it with houses, roads, and hard surfaces will reduce the drainage capacity and increase the water runoff. This will place additional pressure on local drainage systems and increase the flood risk for the nearby properties. Building more houses will further exacerbate the issues that already exist with our local infrastructure; the waits for GP and dentist appointments are already long and the number of school places are limited.

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Kind regards