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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/2226

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/09/2026 1:00 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Burgess Hill School For Girls Keymer Road Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 0EG
Proposal:	Revision to hours of operation of floodlighting, which seeks a permanent extension to the hours of use of the floodlights to 21:00 Monday - Friday.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	44 Wheelwright Lane Burgess Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I object to the application to permanently extend the use of floodlights until 9pm. The approval granted under DM/25/1057 was only permitted for 12 months to allow suitable assessment of the impact on the neighbouring amenity. These neighbours have been keeping meticulous note of the courts usage and have recorded NO use of the floodlights to 9pm during this temporary permission period,

therefore no impact assessment could be completed. This would explain why the Environmental Health officers latest comment states that no issues have been raised!

Additionally the noise report the applicant has submitted would seem irrelevant as it measured noise when the courts were used during normal school hours, used modelling data based on traffic noise and references times (2pm to 4pm) when there is higher traffic in Ferndale Road due to school collection traffic for both the girls school and birchwood grove schools. The noise assessment also references the decibel levels at the frontage of the nearest properties, again this is irrelevant as the courts are at the rear of these properties! A true noise assessment should have been carried out during the 7pm to 9pm period if the courts were in use as ambient background noise would be minimal and therefore it's probable that noise generated from the courts would be the dominant noise in the amenity.

If permission is granted the impact will be considerable on neighbours as during the winter months the courts are used for Netball. With both courts in use this is a minimum of 28 players plus coaches and spectators, rather than for tennis in summer months, with a much smaller number of participants therefore much less noise created.

Allowing this floodlight use to 9pm all year will open up times when natural daylight restricted the use, including spring and autumn so far more impactful on the surrounding natural area than the current 7pm floodlight restriction. This restriction was previously imposed by the MSDC Environmental Health Officer to 'protect the amenity of local residents' and there is no reason why this should be changed.

Having experienced the courts being rented out to a netball club in the past for 4 hours every Sunday afternoon which was extremely noisy, we do not want this inflicted on residents every weekday all year round, this is beyond reasonable use in a residential setting.

I trust that MSDC will make fair assessment, and having noted MSDC comments last time that if the applicant did not accept a temporary 12 month use to allow for an impact assessment to be carried out it would be rejected all together, we request that those reasons to reject it are re-examined and applied.

Kind regards