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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1315

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/06/2026 11:56 AM.

Application Summary

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

Address: 42 Gatesmead Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We call on Mid Sussex District Council to refuse planning application DM/26/1315 for the proposed housing development on Wickham Fields, land west of Gatesmead and off Old Wickham Lane, Haywards Heath. Wickham Fields is one of the last remaining open green spaces in this part of Haywards Heath. It is valued and used by local residents, families, dog walkers and the wider community. Once this land is built on, it cannot be restored.

The proposed development would place 49 new homes on open grassland next to established residential streets, historic listed buildings and well-used local walking routes. We are concerned about the impact on local roads, particularly Gatesmead, which is a quiet residential street and not designed to carry the additional traffic associated with a new housing estate.

We are also concerned about the effect on local wildlife, drainage, schools, GP services and the wider character of the area. Residents have already raised concerns about water run-off into the stream, pressure on local services and the loss of green space that supports both wildlife and community wellbeing.

There is also an unresolved issue around the claimed public right of way affecting the site. This should be properly determined before any planning decision is made.

We ask Mid Sussex District Council to listen to residents, protect Wickham Fields, and refuse this application.

Kind regards