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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 2:16 PM.

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
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Refuse DM/26/1315 and Protect Wickham Fields To: Mid Sussex District Council Planning Committee We call on Mid Sussex District Council to refuse planning application DM/26/1315 for 49 homes on Wickham Fields, land west of Gatesmead and off Old Wickham Lane, Haywards Heath. This application should not be approved. The site was not

allocated for housing in the District Plan, and the proposal would cause unacceptable harm to a valued area of open green space, local biodiversity, highway safety, heritage setting and already pressured local infrastructure.

Our objections are as follows:

First, the legal status of the claimed public right of way affecting the site remains unresolved. This application should not be approved while the legal status of the claimed public right of way affecting the site remains unresolved through DMMO 3/22.

Second, the proposal would destroy open grassland that is used and valued by the community. The site supports wildlife and forms part of the remaining green setting of this part of Haywards Heath. Any ecological assessment should be independently tested before the council considers granting permission.

Third, all vehicular access would be via Gatesmead. This is a quiet residential street, not a strategic access road for a further housing development. The additional traffic, construction movements, refuse vehicle access, junction pressure and pedestrian safety risks have not been adequately addressed.

Fourth, the development would harm the setting of nearby Grade II* listed buildings, including Wickham Farmhouse and Sunte House. The open countryside setting is part of the historic character of the area and should not be casually eroded.

Fifth, local services and infrastructure are already under pressure. Schools, GP services, drainage and local roads must be considered cumulatively with other recent and proposed developments nearby.

We are not objecting to housing in principle. We are objecting to this application because this is the wrong site, with unresolved legal issues, weak access, loss of green space, heritage harm and insufficient evidence that the local area can absorb the impact.

We ask Mid Sussex District Council to refuse DM/26/1315. If the application is to be determined, it should be considered by the Planning Committee and not decided under delegated powers.

Kind regards