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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

REFUSAL

REFERENCE: DM/25/1185

DESCRIPTION: TEMPORARY (36 MONTHS) PERMISSION FOR CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING TENNIS COURTS TO PADEL COURTS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

LOCATION: TENNIS COURTS AT ST FRANCIS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, COLWELL ROAD, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX

DECISION DATE: 24 FEB 2026

CASE OFFICER: STEFAN GALYAS - STEFAN.GALYAS@MIDSUSSEX.GOV.UK

The Council hereby notify you that they **REFUSE** to permit the above development as shown in the submitted application and plans.

The reasons for the Council's decision are:-

1. Insufficient information has been provided regarding the proposed noise impact generated as a result of the padel tennis use through a BS4142 and as such, the Local Planning Authority is unable to assess the likely impact. In absence of this level of detail, it is considered that the proposed development would fail to demonstrate compliance with DP26 and DP29 of the Mid Sussex District Plan (March 2018) and Policy L8 of the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan (March 2016).

INFORMATIVES

1. In accordance with Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and discussing those with the Applicant. However, it has not been possible to resolve them. The Local Planning Authority is willing to provide pre-application advice in respect of any future application for a revised development.

Human Rights Implications

The planning application has been considered in light of statute and case law and any interference with an individual's human rights is considered to be proportionate to the aims sought to be realised.

Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application

The following plans and documents were considered when making the above decision:

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Submitted Date
Proposed Elevations			28.05.2025
Proposed Floor Plans			28.05.2025
Block Plan			02.06.2025
Location Plan			02.06.2025
Other	Annotated Specification Drawings		04.11.2025
Existing Elevations			07.11.2025
Other	Detailed Floor Plan		11.11.2025
Other	4239-DFL- ELG-XX-CA- EO-13001-S3- P01 Lighting Details		04.11.2025
Other	Lighting Technical Report		04.11.2025
Other	4239-DFL- ELG-XX-LD- EO-13001 Horizontal Illuminance		04.11.2025
Other	J4061 Noise Impact Assessment Issue 2		22.09.2025
Other	Acoustic South East Response to EHO		21.08.2025
Other	J4061 Noise Impact Assessment Lighting		11.06.2025

Heritage Statement
Other

Statement
Applicant to
Officer Email

11.06.2025
17.02.2026



Ann Biggs
Assistant Director Planning and Sustainable Economy

REFULZ

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Notes for Applicants

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months (8 weeks in the case of advertisements, 12 weeks in the case of householder or minor commercial development) of the date of this notice *(see exceptions below)

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on Tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.uk](#).

- * If this decision relates to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.*
- * If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months (12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.*