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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 01/04/2026 11:11 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	5 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 7PQ
Proposal:	Change of Use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to children's residential care home (Use Class C2) for up to (2/3) children. No external alterations proposed.
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	24 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	It is with regret that I must voice my robust objection to this change. The first concern I have is that this request seems to have slipped under the radar; only a handful of homes in the area have received any notification as to the proposed change, which I find puzzling, given we'd all be directly or indirectly affected.

Secondly Orchard Close is an entirely residential area: the nature of a commercial residential home, with 24 hours staffing and managerial presence, fundamentally conflicts with that of the area; not to mention the staffing model, with its comings and goings, would permanently alter both the character of the site and its relationship to the rural environment.

The planning application also seems to lack crucial information about rota staff, managerial presence, visiting hours and anything that may make the site more akin to a commercial premise rather than a residential house, impacting traffic, noise and the lives of the homes around it.

Additionally the presence of a 24/7 security guard would conflict with the very nature of the quiet, rural village of Scaynes Hill.

I don't want you to think that my objections only have to do with the impact it would inflict on the neighbourhood, I also honestly think that Scaynes Hill has very little to offer young adults/older children who have no access to a car.

Public transport is very sparse and the village has virtually nothing in the way of shops or amenities, our local pub is now closed, which would mean that these children would likely end up leaving the house and roam parking lots or the park near the primary school.

I do not think loitering in unsupervised locations, at all hours of the day, is a constructive activity that will improve the lives of children who have been failed by the foster system, if anything it will exacerbate their issues and breed resentment between them and the residents of our quiet, sleepy village.

In conclusion I truly think the proposed change's effect on its locality would make it impossible to treat it like a residential dwelling, I think the character of its occupation would have indelible impact on traffic, noise and the daily lives of residents.

I humbly request that you take all this in consideration when you examine the application.

Kindest regards,
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