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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 10/07/2025 10:46 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports And Social Club Colwell Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EZ
Proposal:	Temporary (36 months) permission for change of use of existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works.
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address:	22 Anchor Avenue Scaynes Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wholeheartedly support this proposed transformation of the under utilised tennis courts into padel courts because this holds immense potential for our community. Padel is celebrated across Europe and beyond for its accessibility and social spirit, it is much easier a sport for older or less able bodied people to play than tennis, yet there are nowhere near enough padel courts in the UK to enable everyone to enjoy and benefit from this wonderful sport. Reinvigorating this space would

mean not only that new life is breathed into our community, but also creates a space for more and more people to become physically active and all the health benefits associated with that. Not to mention fostering community connection, which would help the loneliness epidemic we are sadly experiencing amongst our retired or otherwise marginalised people.

These facilities would also create a meaningful pathway for children to enter sport in a way that is approachable, enjoyable, and developmentally appropriate. The enclosed nature and team format of padel make it ideal for younger players who might feel daunted by traditional court sports such as tennis.

Beyond the sporting benefits, the project supports broader goals of health, wellbeing, and togetherness. It invites families to play, spectators to gather, and newcomers to explore a sport with low barriers and high enjoyment.

I believe this development will be a positive catalyst, encouraging regular use of the courts, enhancing local engagement, and offering a vibrant hub for future generations

Kind regards