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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 05/06/2026 12:13 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: 1 Lawrie Lane Lindfield Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I object to planning application DM/26/1315 for the proposed development of 49 homes on Wickham Fields. My family and I regularly walk and run through this site and the surrounding countryside. The fields and footpaths in this area provide valuable access to open green space for local residents and are an important part of our physical and mental wellbeing. Access to countryside around Haywards Heath is becoming increasingly limited as development continues, and the loss of this

site would further reduce opportunities for recreation and contact with nature.

I am also concerned about the impact of development on local footpaths and drainage. Paths in the surrounding area that were previously passable throughout the year are already becoming increasingly muddy and difficult to use due to drainage issues associated with recent development. There is a real risk that further building on this site will worsen surface water problems and make existing routes even less accessible.

The proposal would result in the loss of open countryside that is regularly used by local people. These green spaces are not simply vacant land; they are well-used community assets that support health, wellbeing and access to nature.

In addition, local infrastructure is already under significant pressure. It is extremely difficult to obtain a GP appointment locally, and many residents experience long waits for routine healthcare. Existing services are struggling to meet current demand, and I do not believe the application adequately demonstrates how the additional demand generated by 49 new homes can be accommodated without further reducing service levels for existing residents.

For these reasons, including the loss of accessible countryside, concerns regarding drainage and footpath accessibility, and the lack of capacity in local services, I urge Mid Sussex District Council to refuse this application.

Kind regards