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To: "Joanne Fisher" <joanne.fisher@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 15/04/2026 9:57 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Unit A1, A2 And A3 Consort Way Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 9TJ
Proposal:	Proposal change of use from E(G) to E(D) to allow for the creation of a new Padel Tennis Centre within the recently completed building.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Customer Details

Address: Unit F Consort Way Burgess Hill

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Business or other organisation
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We are writing to formally comment on the above planning application seeking a change of use from Class E(g) (light industrial/business use) to Class E(d) (indoor sport, recreation, or fitness). While we appreciate the potential community benefits that leisure facilities can provide, we have significant concerns regarding the adequacy of parking provision and the likely impact on surrounding roads and local access.

Based on previous developments of a similar nature in the local area, there is clear precedent demonstrating that leisure uses often generate substantially higher and more concentrated peak-time traffic compared to light industrial uses. In particular, other nearby leisure sites (Jump In on Jubilee Road, Burgess Hill) have resulted in insufficient on-site parking capacity, leading to overspill parking on surrounding streets.

This has had serious consequences, including:

- Obstruction of local roads due to informal or inappropriate parking
- Restricted access for large vehicles, including articulated lorries serving existing businesses
- Increased congestion and associated safety risks for both pedestrians and road users

The current application does not appear to adequately address how these known issues will be mitigated. Without a robust and realistic parking and traffic management strategy, there is a strong likelihood that the same problems will reoccur at this site.

Given the existing pressures on local infrastructure and the importance of maintaining clear access for commercial vehicles, I urge the planning authority to carefully reconsider this application or, at a minimum, require:

- A comprehensive parking impact assessment
- Demonstration of sufficient on-site parking provision based on peak usage
- Clear measures to prevent overspill parking and protect surrounding roads

Until such assurances are provided, we believe the proposal presents an unacceptable risk to the safe and efficient operation of the local road network.

In addition, the Council will be aware that a TRO is currently being imposed on Consort Way whereby double yellow lines will be installed on the inner corner of Consort Way as it merges with Jubilee Road. This has become necessary to ensure safe passage of commercial vehicles and to lessen the disruption to local businesses.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Consort Frozen Foods Ltd

Kind regards