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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 10/06/2026 4:22 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:	30 Barnmead Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	My family and I have lived in Barnmead for nearly 50 years. As non-car drivers the rural nature of this area, where we could walk freely was one of the reasons we moved here. However, over the years the green spaces that were available to us have slowly been erased in the name of "housing" and now the last remaining bastion (Wickham Fields) is under threat. For decades families, dog walkers, children, grandchildren, and those seeking a peaceful solitude have used the fields for

exercise and as an escape (especially during Covid lockdown) from the stresses of daily life. If this development is allowed the beautiful view from the Wickham Lane gate across the fields, and which changes with the seasons, will be lost to brick and mortar.

Over the decades local residents have forged their own pathways across the fields. The legal status of these pathways is unresolved (DMMO3/22) and needs to be determined before the fields can be built on.

Wickham Fields have remained fallow for decades, allowing the local fauna and flora to flourish. This has provided a safe haven for wildlife. This needs to be protected. There has already been a great loss of habitat with the building of Penland Farm Estate. The potential of housing at Sugworth Farm and Wickham Fields will just compound the issue.

On a practical side the services in this area are already struggling. Local schools/nurseries, doctors and dentists are oversubscribed.

In the first few days of the recent heat wave we were advised not to use hose pipes and to restrict our water usage to the basics. The building of more houses is only going to exacerbate this every increasing problem. So far there seems to be little or no comment from S E Water about how the increased water requirements for 49 houses will be addressed.

The increase of traffic (builders initially and then residents) will only add to the congestion on the local roads.

For the above reasons I strongly object to DM/26/1315 and request that this planning application be declined.

Kind regards