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Objection to Application Reference: DM/24/2505

Dear Anna Tidey

I hope that you are well.

With reference to the serious health and safety and threat to life concerns regarding the proposed tennis court; the average number of times a tennis ball is struck in a regular singles 3-set game of tennis is circa 700.

As I have previously recorded in my representation letter 08/11/24, given that the proposed tennis court is located just 9 metres away from my large 5 metre x 3 metre greenhouse a stray tennis ball could strike the greenhouse smashing the glass causing a serious health and safety issue and potential threat to life if someone is inside the greenhouse.

This situation therefore presents 700 possible stray tennis balls, suggesting 700 possibilities of a serious health and safety and threat to life occurrence at any time during a single game of tennis.

If we are to assume that 1 game of tennis is played once a week this increases the potential serious health and safety risks and threat to life possibilities to 36,400 over a calendar year.

My wife and I are both retired and our passion is gardening, naturally spending considerable hours each day throughout the year in and around the garden and greenhouse. Obviously my wife and I would not feel safe in any way to enter or be near our greenhouse in the privacy of our own garden when tennis is being played, completely contravening the Residential Amenity DP29 Policy of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 – 2031.

This planning application should be rejected without consideration because surely it only takes 1 single instance of a serious health and safety and threat to life necessary to declare the planning application presents totally unacceptable risk hazard levels of safety.

Please can you advise, as I understand The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) acting as a statutory consultee for planning applications around major hazard sites will and must advise local authorities on safety grounds whether or not planning permission should be granted?

Many thanks and kind regards

