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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 21/06/2026 7:08 AM.

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:	19 Birchen Lane 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:	I object to this application on several grounds; there remains an unanswered question relating to DMMO 3/22 which needs to be resolved, the loss of invaluable green space to the area's residents would be immense and the proposed use of Gatesmead as the only access route is both unsuitable and unsafe. The legal status of DMMO 3/22 should be resolved first before consideration is given to the planning application. To consider the application DM/26/1315 whilst ignoring the filing made over four

and a half years ago is wrong and is a material planning consideration the case officer and planning committee must take into account.

Having lived in the area for 27 years while bringing up four children I'm very aware of the importance of what is now the last remaining green space within walking distance for hundreds of people. The route from the top of Wickham Way is used by so many walkers, pet owners, runners, cyclists of all ages for exercise, relaxation and just the general enjoyment of the countryside. To remove this asset from the area would be a destructive move in so many ways. It is a space that provides calm and comfort, a place to relax, to exercise and to educate young minds. There is nowhere else like this that people in this neighbourhood can easily access on foot.

I understand that the only vehicular access to the development would be via Gatesmead, funnelling hundreds more cars, delivery and construction vehicles along Portsmouth Lane, Birchen Lane and into Gatesmead, roads not designed for this volume of traffic which has increased dramatically recently with the addition of the Birchen Oak development. There have been a number of accidents at the roundabout connecting Portsmouth Lane with Gander Hill and I've seen several near misses at the Gatesmead/Birchen Lane and Birchen Lane/Portsmouth Lane junctions. More vehicles using these unsuitable routes is only going to elevate the risk of further injury and damage.

I object to DM/26/1315 and ask that the application be refused and if it is to be determined that it is considered by the Planning Committee rather than under delegated powers given the comments above.

Kind regards