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**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 22/06/2026 1:05 PM.

### Application Summary

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| 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

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| Address: | 40 GATESMEAD Haywards Heath |
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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comments:            | <p>I object to this application on the following grounds:-</p> <p>1. The site requires access via Gatemead and when permission was given for the erection of 40 new dwellings it was conditional on an escape route being available in view of the very narrow access onto the site. This escape route is via the meadow and down Birchen Lane.. In the recent past the Gatesmead has become blocked and the escape route used. As a director of the company which owns the meadow, I can advise this escape route</p> |

would not be available for the proposed houses and therefore if an emergency occurred within the proposed houses at a time when Gatesmead was blocked, it would be impossible for rescue vehicles to gain access.

2. The proposed site would have a significant impact on two grade 2 houses.

3. The environmental survey is not complete. This is particularly important regarding bats in the trees which the proposal intends to remove.

4. The lane on the east of the site which includes the public footpath is not owned by Crest and therefore access to the site via Gatesmead would not be possible. It would be sensible to ask Crest if they are certain they can gain access over this lane.

5 The right of way on the east side of the site is a well used walking route and if a road crossed this it would have a major impact of the rural environment and way up to the Grade 2 Wickham Farm House

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Kind regards