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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0540

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 23/03/2026 11:49 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	5 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 7PQ
Proposal:	Change of Use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to children's residential care home (Use Class C2) for up to (2/3) children. No external alterations proposed.
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address: 6 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill Hayward Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	The application contains no supporting assessments (no Location Risk Assessment, Noise Impact Assessment, Parking/Traffic Statement, or Operational Management Plan). Insufficient information to assess compliance with District Plan DP21, DP26, and DP29. The applicant has not demonstrated that Scaynes Hill is a suitable location for vulnerable children up to 18 years of age. The village

has very limited amenities, no local employment or education opportunities, and an infrequent bus service. This conflicts with national guidance for children's homes and DP26.

The proposal represents a significant intensification of use compared with a C3 dwelling. Likely occupancy is 3 children plus 24 hour staffing, with additional visits from social workers, therapists, and education professionals. No operational details have been provided.

Nos. 5 and 6 Orchard Close are 1930s semi detached houses with joists running side to side, causing high noise transmission. Noise from No. 5 is already audible in No. 6. A 24 hour staffed home will materially harm neighbouring amenity. No acoustic assessment has been submitted (DP29).

The adjoining household includes a vulnerable 16 year old with significant mental health needs, for whom noise is a major stressor. Increased noise and activity would have a disproportionate impact on residential amenity (DP26, DP29).

The application provides no information on staff numbers, shift patterns, or visiting professionals, preventing proper assessment of traffic and parking impacts. Orchard Close is narrow and already experiences parking pressure near the roundabout (DP21).

The garden at No. 5 is small, fully overlooked, and has no rear or side access due to extensions. The applicant has not demonstrated that the outdoor space is suitable for vulnerable young people (DP26).

A 24 hour staffed care home would alter the quiet residential character of Orchard Close, which is predominantly occupied by older residents and families. The proposal does not demonstrate integration with the existing character (DP26).

A semi detached property is inherently unsuitable for an intensive C2 use due to shared walls and close proximity. The applicant has not shown that neighbouring amenity can be protected (DP26, DP29).

Kind regards