

From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 April 2026 16:46:11 UTC+01:00
To: "Deborah Lynn" <deborah.lynn@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0950

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/04/2026 4:46 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	101 South Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4LR
Proposal:	Installation of new shopfront signage (illuminated fascia and vinyl sign).
Case Officer:	Deborah Lynn

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Address:	102a South Road Haywards Heath
----------	--------------------------------

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	To whom it may concern, I am writing to formally object to the application relating to the installation of new shopfront signage at 101 South Road, Haywards Heath, application no DM/26/0950. I live directly opposite the premises and have concerns regarding both the proposed opening hours until midnight and 1am on Saturdays, and the installation of an illuminated external sign.
-----------	--

While I appreciate the intention to serve shift workers, the proposed hours extend beyond the established pattern of activity in this town centre. Local bars and venues typically close around midnight, after which the area becomes relatively quiet. Allowing this premises to operate until 1am risks prolonging noise and activity into a period that is currently more peaceful, to the detriment of nearby residents.

The nature of the business, even without the sale of alcohol, may still encourage late-night footfall, loitering, and associated noise such as conversations, vehicle movements, and general disturbance directly outside residential properties.

In addition, the proposed illuminated signage raises concerns regarding light pollution. Given the proximity of the premises to residential homes, late-night illumination could be intrusive and negatively impact sleep and overall living conditions.

I respectfully ask that the impact on residential amenity and the prevention of public nuisance be carefully considered. In particular, I would request that, if approved, conditions are applied to:

- * Limit opening hours to better reflect the character of the area (for example, no later than 11pm)
- * Restrict the hours of operation and brightness of any illuminated signage

I am also concerned that the proposed signage (already in place) appears to include photographic imagery of tobacco products, which may not comply with current UK regulations on tobacco advertising. I would ask that this is reviewed by the relevant authority.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Kind regards