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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 28/08/2025 5:06 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	1 Lucas Way Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1JR
Proposal:	Use of a (C3) dwelling as a children's home for a maximum of 3 children with up to three carers, two sleeping overnight working on a rota basis.
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address:	28 Lucastes Road 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:	We write to object to the application. It seeks in effect (notwithstanding the technical C3 to C3(b) format utilised in the application) to change a residential property in a quiet, small, residential cul-de-sac in a conservation area into a commercial undertaking. The owner of the property would not be on-site. He would be sub-

letting to a commercial organisation which would in turn pay employees to work in the property on a rotating shift basis, to supervise children. This is clearly very different from, say, a property owner being in residence and supported by a live-in carer. The number of adults rotating as children's carers (and it would clearly need to draw on a team larger than three to fulfil a 24/7 shift pattern) would not offer any continuity and could in no way be construed as a domestic residential environment i.e. as for a C3(b) submission.

There is no detail provided about the nature of the proposed children's home ('short break' or long term, open or secure) or of the extent of support/facilities required for eg vulnerable adolescents, children who have suffered traumatic life experiences or have complex educational needs. It is unacceptable to seek technical permission for a 'modest change of use' when the reality is a prospective commercial operation, setting significant precedent in a conservation area, and without any detail of practicalities affecting neighbours. There are numerous provisions in the Care Standards Act (2000) and the related Regulations (2015) and the Children's Home Regulations (2010) which should be examined. And many practical matters relating to this location, eg narrow road, cul-de-sac, no footpath, traffic management, maintenance of property, etc. should be given proper consideration.

In summary, it is requested the Council rejects the Lawful Development Certificate application - or any variant of it - and formally requires full consideration of any case pursued further by the applicant at the Planning Committee.

Kind regards