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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 18/11/2025 4:36 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	65 Balcombe Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1PE
Proposal:	Proposed change of use from dwelling house (C3) to Children's Care Home (C2) for 3 children.
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	16 Coniston Avenue 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: Unfortunately this application is being objected to primarily because of the negative impact on the highway safety that could potentially be created due to the stated increase in vehicular movements above and beyond those expected for a dwelling.

As such, it is argued that a Full Planning Application should be submitted for a Formal change of use. Change of use from C3 to C2 is a Material change of Use and should therefore be via a Full Planning Application so that the potential impacts can be thoroughly interrogated and examined - including increased

vehicular movements into Balcombe Road via a driveway with minimal vision splays. This lack of vision splay and increased vehicular movement could potentially result in increasing the danger to pedestrians crossing the driveway and other users of the highway via the nature of the increased access requirement. It is understood that vision splays will require access over land not under the applicants control and therefore can not be guaranteed and this would form reason for refusal if a formal change of use application was submitted.

It should also be highlighted that the provided drawings for the driveway is incorrect and the amount of parking in existence is significantly lower than that depicted by the submitted drawings. It is therefore then presumed that the increased parking requirement as shown will then overflow onto neighbouring roads. These are already congested and increased levels would possibly pose a significant and increasing hazard to pedestrians and other road users especially with the locality of Harland's Primary School and young pedestrians on Penland Road which is the closest place cars will potentially park as Balcombe Road is not suitable for on street parking

The objection is not against the provision of services for at risk children but to ensure that the process is undertaken correctly and safety on the highway as a priority is maintained. With the above noted, a Application for Lawful Development is not appropriate for this site and a formal Full Planning application should be made, with this change of use access to the property should be examined and the lack of vision splay and therefore the impact on highway safety should be, unfortunately, a reason for refusal

Kind regards