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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Consultee Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1204

Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/06/2025 11:35 AM from . Haywards Heath Town Council on behalf of Parish Consultation.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/1204
Address:	5 Osborne Mews South Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4LZ
Proposal:	Proposed alterations to convert roof terrace to a bedroom.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Comments Details

Comments:	The Town Council is disappointed to see a proposal to change part of a prominent development in the town centre and OBJECTS to the application. The property forms part of an award-winning landmark development of architectural merit, which occupies a prominent position overlooking Victoria Park. The proposal would give rise to an incongruous and unneighbourly feature which would detract from the symmetry of the development as a whole. If allowed, it would set an unwelcome precedent for other similar proposals in future, which the local planning authority would find hard to resist. This proposal contravenes Policy H9 of the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan which states; 'Extensions to existing dwellings will be permitted where it meets the following criteria: The scale, height and form fit unobtrusively with the existing
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building and the character of the street scene.’

The proposal further contravenes the Mid Sussex Design Guide, principle DP49 which states:

‘Extensions should respond to the design of the original dwelling and applicants will be expected to demonstrate how local character has informed the design proposal. Extensions should normally be designed to be well-integrated with the existing scale, form and massing allowing the original building to remain the dominant element of the property whether it has one or several additions.’

Additionally, the proposal contravenes elements of the Mid Sussex District Plan, DP26: Character and Design.

Having regard to the limited area that these five properties occupy, the proposal would give rise to an overdevelopment of the application site, which would have prejudicial effect on the character of the development as a whole and would be detrimental to the amenities of the neighbouring residents. By increasing the size of the property to accommodate more occupants than was originally intended, it is reasonable to believe that additional vehicles may be used by the occupiers, resulting in an additional strain on parking in an already limited area. The increased size risks overburdening existing utilities infrastructure, particularly sewerage which, the Town Council understands, is pumped up from the development to the main sewer.

The Town Council echoes concerns made by residents of neighbouring properties in Osborne Mews, regarding the overdevelopment of the site and additional strain that the proposal would put on sewage disposal, amenities and parking. The Town Council is also concerned about the impact of the proposal on light and noise for 4 Osborne Mews, as their living area would be directly overshadowed by the proposal.

Kind regards