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To: "Anna Tidey" <anna.tidey@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 13/11/2024 10:59 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Handcross Newsagents High Street Handcross Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6BJ
Proposal:	Proposed replacement of conservatory with extension of living accommodation over two floors, internal alterations and extension of commercial premises at ground floor.
Case Officer:	Anna Tidey

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Customer Details

Address: Grange Cottage Tanyard Lane Staplefield Haywards Heath West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Handcross Newsagents has been a part of the local community for many year. It has delivered our newspapers in Staplefield for more than thirty years. Given the changing nature of retail and high street shopping, we should welcome anything that adds to the economic viability of Handcross Newsagents. I note that, while the planned expansion would double the retail space, it hardly creates a superstore. The

shop is already cramped, with customers sometimes queuing between shelves and racks.

Objections on the basis of competition with other local facilities are spurious and are hardly planning issues. For many years, Handcross Newsagents coexisted with the local Spar, until its owners retired.

If Handcross Newsagents succeeds in becoming a Post Office outlet, that would be a major gain for the village. It is already a valuable agent for delivery companies, many of which seem to have a hard time finding local addresses

On matters like parking, I note that Slaughtam Parish Council has no objection. It is hard to see how this modest increase in the retail space of small shop will add noticeably to the parking problems in Handcross. As a regular user of the shop, it seems that, like us, many customers arrive on foot.

Failure to approve this application runs the risk that Handcross Newsagents will become unviable and we will have either another residential property or a very different business in its place.

Kind regards