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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0676

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/04/2026 1:23 AM.

Application Summary

Address: West Hoathly Brickworks Hamsey Road Sharpthorne East
Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4PB

Proposal: Variation of condition no 31 relating to planning application
DM/23/0827 - to allow amendments to the Energy and
Sustainability Statement.

Case Officer: Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address: 16 Home Platt Sharpthorne East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The removal of solar panels is justified in the statement as a visual improvement and providing a poor return on investment. On the first, the location was a previous brickworks and the visual assessment in the original planning considered the visual aspects including the panel. The panels are common on many new and refurbished properties so making this change does not seem justified.
The return on investment is a purely commercial decision by the

developer. The full planning provided the condition by agreement with the developer and reduces the overall environmental impact of the heat pumps. There is no justification for removal of this condition on commercial grounds.

If the council does agree to the removal, the statement provided considers the use of solar thermal for hot water and determines other use of the roof space is more beneficial. If the solar panels are removed the condition should be amended to add the requirement for solar thermal.

Kind regards