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**Subject:** Application No. DM/25/0484

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To Planning Department Mid Sussex District Council

### **Objection to Planning application DM/25/0484**

I am writing as a concerned resident regarding the planning application submitted for the proposed development at 60 Keymer Road, Hassocks. I would like to formally object to this proposal on several grounds that I believe would have a significant and negative impact on the village and the wider community.

#### **1. Excessive Building Height**

The proposed four-storey development is completely out of character with the directly surrounding properties. The height is excessive for a village setting and would dominate the local landscape disrupting the traditional scale and visual appeal of the centre and blocking out light to such a sensitive central village location.

#### **2. Strain on local infrastructure**

Our village infrastructure is already under considerable pressure. With the recent increase in housing developments, local schools, GP surgeries and public transport services are struggling to cope. This application offers no clear plan on how these issues will be addressed or mitigated.

#### **3. Insufficient Parking Provision**

The plans do not provide enough parking for the numbers of flats and commercial units proposed. This will undoubtedly lead to additional on-street parking in an already busy area, increasing congestion and posing safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and school children.

#### **4. Road and Pedestrian Safety**

The site is located on a very busy junction in the heart of the village. There appears to have been little thought given to how increased traffic - both during construction and after completion - will impact road safety, especially for school children and elderly residents who regularly walk in the area.

#### **5. Increased traffic and congestion**

Over the last few years, the number of properties in and around the village has grown substantially, bringing a sharp increase in vehicle number. The existing road network is already struggling with congestion especially as this is the main route through the village and this development being where it is would only worsen that situation.

#### **6. Construction impact and logistics**

There is no mention in the application of how construction vehicles, heavy machinery and lorries will access the site. This is a major concern particularly given the central location and limited space

around the junction. The disruption this could cause to traffic, noise levels and pedestrian safety is unacceptable.

### **7. Water Supply and Wastewater Capacity**

The application lacks clear information about how water supply and wastewater systems will cope with the demands of this new development, given the existing issues with local utilities and regular water leaks, this raises serious questions about the sustainability of the project.

In light of the above points, I respectfully urge the Planning Department to refuse this application. I care deeply about the character, safety and livability of our village and believe this development in its current form, is inappropriate for the location and the community.

Yours sincerely

  
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