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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/0736

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/06/2025 8:32 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Castle Inn London Road Hickstead Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5LZ
Proposal:	Erection of new outbuilding, internal and external alterations to Grade II Listed Building. Change of use to allow C1 Use to upper floors. (Amendments received, including structural report and supporting calculations and revised plans received 13/05/2025).
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	Herrings Farm House Twineham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I write in support of this application While it has been noted that the building is a Grade II listed building and that the work was started prior to approval, the overall idea of the application is a good thing for the local community.

The old Castle Inn was run down, dirty, and quite frankly a health hazard. The general upkeep of both the inside and the outside was appalling, and had it not been sold, I am sure it would have fallen into even greater disrepair, and the road back to stability would have been impossible.

The fact that the owners of Hickstead have taken on the colossal refurbishment, and have given the building another chance of useable life is to be commended. The venture is obviously one most people would run a mile from, but the long term result will be an asset to the local community.

I am sure the new building and its proposed use will not only support the local community during its build, but also give jobs to local people, and service the community with a new pub, restaurant, and farm shop.

Upon driving past the site, the work that has been done so far seems to be both extensive, well finished, and in keeping with its history, but also sympathetic to the building and its surroundings.

To decline this application I think would be a mistake for the building and the local community, and I would therefore strongly recommend that it is approved.

Kind regards