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To: "planninginfo" <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/24/2957

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/05/2025 7:51 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Prince Albert Copthorne Bank Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3QX
Proposal:	Sever existing land to retain existing public house use and area of pub garden and erect a convenience store and 4 no. apartments with associated works, including alterations to the existing vehicular access and car park (Amended plans and retail justification received 1 May 2025)
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address:	62 Lashmere Copthorne
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I strongly object to the proposed development of flats and a convenience store in our small rural village. This plan threatens to disrupt the unique character and close-knit community that makes our village so special. At the heart of our village is the family-owned pub, a cherished gathering place that has served generations. Introducing new buildings and another commercial

store risks diverting support away from this vital local business and damaging the community spirit we value.

Importantly, our village already has two well-established, family-run convenience stores and one UK-wide chain store, all located within the village centre. These businesses meet the needs of residents effectively, and there is no demonstrated demand for another store. Adding another would create unnecessary competition, risking the viability of these long-standing shops and undermining the local economy.

Furthermore, the scale and nature of the proposed development are unsuitable for a rural area. Increased traffic, noise, and pressure on infrastructure would alter the peaceful environment and could endanger the safety of residents, particularly children and the elderly.

Our village must be protected from inappropriate overdevelopment. This proposal does not reflect the needs or wishes of the community and should be rejected to preserve our village's heritage and character.

Kind regards