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To: "planninginfo" <planninginfo@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 07/05/2025 1:30 PM.

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:	27 The Meadow Copthorne West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Council/Planning Committee, I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed development of a new convenience store and residential flats in our village.

Firstly, our community already has multiple convenience stores, including one directly next door to the proposed site. Introducing another store risks negatively impacting the livelihood of existing local businesses that have long served the area.

Additionally, the junction next the proposed location (Entrance of Meadow Approach) already poses a significant safety risk, with multiple blind spots and daily near-misses due to heavy congestion and poor visibility. Vehicles frequently mount the curbs to access nearby establishments such as the post office, estate agents, pizza shop, and café. Increasing traffic here would only heighten the danger for both drivers and pedestrians.

If there is a need for a convenience store, a more suitable location might be Heathy Wood, where there are currently no such amenities and fewer traffic concerns.

The existing pub building, while currently run down, offers more value to the village if restored than left in its current state or replaced without thoughtful planning. Surely there's an opportunity here to revitalise a community space rather than replace it with more flats.

Lastly, adding more residential units in an area already struggling with traffic and limited parking seems unwise. Even with proposed off-road parking, many households have more than one vehicle, which could worsen the existing situation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the views of local residents. I hope our concerns will be taken into account in the planning decision.

Kind regards,
Billie Hayes

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