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To: "Andy Watt" <andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/2053

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/09/2026 10:34 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Prince Albert Copthorne Bank Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3QX
Proposal:	Sever land and erect convenience store with associated access and parking. Retain public house with revised pub garden layout.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address:	Copthorne Village Store Copthorne Bank Crawley
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am here today on behalf of the Copthorne Post Office and KWIK Shop to express our concerns about the proposed development of a large convenience store in Copthorne. Our main concern is the impact this development could have on our small, family-run business. A large store would have far greater resources and could take a significant amount of our customers, putting our business at serious risk.

However, this is not just about our shop. We also operate the Copthorne Post Office, which provides an important service to the local community, particularly for elderly residents and those who rely on having a Post Office nearby. If our business were forced to close, the community could lose this essential service.

Our family has been part of Copthorne for over 25 years, and we have worked hard to build a business that serves local residents. We are also concerned about the effect this development could have on other small businesses in the area.

There are also concerns about increased traffic. The area already experiences congestion, and a large convenience store could bring additional vehicles and make the situation worse.

We are not against development, but we believe it should be carefully considered so that it does not come at the expense of existing local businesses and essential community services.

We respectfully ask that the proposed development is reconsidered and that the impact on our business and the wider Copthorne community is taken seriously.

Thank you for listening.

Kind regards