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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 30/12/2024 8:22 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.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address: 11 Erica Way Copthorne CRAWLEY

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Planning Application Objection Copthorne does NOT need a 4th convenience store. The current 3 with the newly refurbished shop/post office serve the village perfectly adequately. To build a new store next door to an existing store is irresponsible and thought should be given to providing a store on the new housing estate instead, which currently has none, thus reducing the amount of traffic attracted into the village

from those new households.

The existing shops along Copthorne Bank in the proposed location, already create serious parking issues, thus creating safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists etc. especially during school term times. Drivers already park their cars on pavements and actually on the junction with Meadow Approach, creating hazards, blind spots and causing drivers to take risks, thus increasing potential for accidents. General safety will be compromised by allowing this situation to worsen. This cannot be allowed to happen!

The potential disruption during the construction of this proposed site, will be massive. Lorries turning, blocking roads and pathways and generally affecting the already busy flow of traffic on this 3-way junction is unacceptable. Unfortunately many drivers approach this junction at speed particularly along Brookhill Road and around the bend in Shipley Bridge Lane. Delivery lorries arriving for the store and the pub will need adequate space to both park and turn. The junction simply isn't suitable with traffic approaching from the 3 directions and trying to negotiate around hazards created by excess large vehicles. Copthorne must be kept safe!

With the proposed construction of 4 flats also on this site, this will also create further disruption with extra vehicles requiring parking space. Copthorne is just not big enough in this particular location for any further dwellings and the proposed location is highly unsuitable. Vast areas of green space have already been destroyed to create the 2 new estates nearby - Copthorne has enough new dwellings. Alongside this, the neighbouring bungalows and cottages at the top of Copthorne Bank will be seriously overlooked - unfair to the current residents and seriously harming the character of the village itself.

This planning proposal has been very poorly thought through and manages to overlook major concerns regarding safety, suitability, actual requirement (there is none) and appropriateness for a village which is definitely adequately provided for and needs no interference!

Kind regards