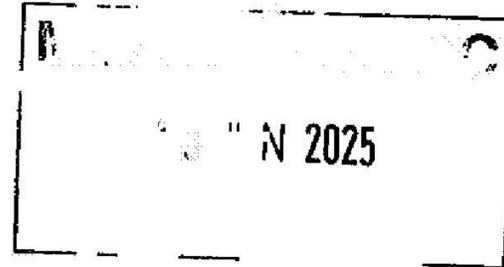


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Attn Planning Officer

Mid Sussex District Council

We would like to put our support to the concerns raised online (and no doubt in this meeting) regarding the plans for the site on Keymer Road.

As you know living so close to it whatever the end result will impact us greatly.

We have major concerns over a number of different aspects of the proposal.

Height of the Building

The Proposal of the building is troublesome as it is far too high. In terms of keeping within the look of the High Street as well as the impact it is going to have on us living in John Saxby Place and Dale Avenue. We urge this to be reconsidered and bring the height of the building down to a more reasonable level.

Look of the Building

We were very shocked at the design of the building. It is definitely not within keeping of a village High Street and quite frankly looks bland and uninviting. Having looked at so many new builds online and visually whilst travelling around, there are some wonderful looking new buildings that have character and would suit a village High Street building much more than what is shown in the proposals.

Balconies overlooking John Saxby Place

We do have major concerns about the plans to have balconies overlooking John Saxby Place. It will drastically increase the noise levels during the summer months for us with neighbours sitting out on their balconies, no doubt playing music at times etc. At the moment (and I would urge you to come and test this), the noise levels around our areas are very low. There are times I can sit in my garden and there is complete silence despite living close to a High Street. The other concern is that during the summer months the residents will be hanging their washing out on their balconies which will be a complete eyesore for us.

Occupancy and Parking

We do believe that the number of flats proposed is far too high and needs to be brought down. The number of parking spaces proposed for each flat is unrealistic. It is more likely each flat will own more than 1 car. The car park in Dale Avenue is already full most days and evenings, so where will all of these extra cars go? The addition of 500 homes in Ockley Park as well as the

Friars Oak development will result in a lot more traffic to the High Street but with limited parking opportunities. These seriously needs to be addressed as part of the proposal

I work from home often on video calls for the majority of the day whether that's in meetings or running development programmes with up to 20 delegates at a time. The building work that needs to be done regardless of the end plans are going to seriously impact me as my office would be closet to the site. I am going to have to seriously consider renting offices for the duration of the renovations which I do not want to do nor do I want to incur the costs of that. However, if I have no choice I will. The noise level of the building works is worrying but longer term the permanent increase in noise level is also concerning for me.

We have printed off a copy of one of the objections to the planning application which I think encapsulates all of our concerns in an articulate way. We fully support all of the points made in their objection.

We do appreciate the site needs to be developed, however, we really believe there needs to be some serious amendments to the proposal before proceeding with the plans.

Yours faithfully

