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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1977

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/10/2026 8:18 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Marlow House 107 High Street Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 2HR
Proposal:	Variation to conditions 1 and 2(i) and (ii) attached to DM/25/3132 to remove the requirement to reinstate the staircase between the ground and first floors and requirements in relation to the basement access hatch.
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	Limes cottage 105 High street Lindfield
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Comments Details

Comment er Type:	Neighbour or general public
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Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
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Reasons
for
comment:

Comment s:	**Letter of Support - Planning Application DM/26/1977**
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As an immediate neighbour, and someone who regularly visits the property, I am writing to support planning application DM/26/1977 and to raise concerns about

the accuracy of Historic England's comments regarding the lower ground floor staircase and the door beneath it.

Historic England's report refers to the staircase containing 17th-century material. However, reports by heritage specialists Desbrulais and HCUK describe the timber as heavily altered modern timber and confirm that the door beneath the stairs was made from modern plywood. I therefore believe the description in Historic England's report is inaccurate and does not reflect the findings of these specialist assessments.

There was also a genuine health and safety issue with the previous arrangement, as the door opened into the cellar. The staircase has since been removed and a hatch installed, following the recommendation of the Health and Safety Officer. Retaining the staircase was not a practical option, as it would have prevented the hatch from opening safely and fully.

From my perspective as a neighbour who regularly visits the property, I support the application because the work was necessary to address a safety concern and was informed by professional advice. The specialist reports also indicate that the materials removed were modern rather than historically significant.

I would ask that the application is considered on the basis of the available evidence, including the specialist reports and the practical reasons for carrying out the work. I also believe it is important that the inaccuracies in Historic England's description are recognised so that the application can be assessed fairly and on its merits.

Where did you hear about this applicatio n?	Not specified
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Kind regards