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To: "Tracie Axford" <tracie.axford@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0406

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/02/2026 1:11 PM.

Application Summary

Address: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 And 9 Hett Close Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6TE

Proposal: Replacement of existing front and rear double glazed timber framed casement windows with new front and rear double- glazed uPVC framed casement windows with glazing bars to match existing styles. Replacement of existing side double- glazed timber framed casement windows with new double glazed uPVC framed casement windows. Replacement of existing double- glazed timber framed rear doors with new double-glazed uPVC framed rear doors with solid panel to lower section and glazing bars to match existing style to upper section.

Case Officer: Tracie Axford

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Customer Details

Address: 6 Hett Close Ardingly Ardingly

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to formally object to the above planning application.

Whilst I do not object in principle to the replacement of windows and doors, I strongly object to the proposed alteration to the rear door design, specifically the introduction of a solid lower panel in place of the existing fully glazed door.

The existing fully glazed rear door provides a vital source of natural daylight to the main rear living space. The layout and orientation of the houses in Hett Close already result in very limited natural light internally. The properties are not arranged in a way that allows light to pass through freely, and much of the available daylight comes directly from the rear elevation. As such, the glazing within the rear door materially contributes to maintaining acceptable daylight levels.

The proposed solid lower panel would remove approximately half of the glazed area and would significantly reduce the amount of light entering the room. Given the already constrained light levels due to the layout of the houses, this reduction would not be negligible - it would have a noticeable and harmful impact on residential amenity, resulting in a darker and more enclosed internal environment.

The Local Planning Authority has a clear duty to safeguard residential amenity and to ensure that development proposals do not result in a harmful deterioration in living conditions. In this instance, the proposed design would lead to an avoidable and unjustified loss of natural light, contrary to the objective of protecting the quality of life of existing residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council require the retention of a fully glazed rear door design, or otherwise refuse this element of the application.

Kind regards