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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 31/01/2026 3:02 PM.

Application Summary

Address: 45 Lashmere Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3RR

Proposal: Retrospective application for existing use for self contained studio/unit.

Case Officer: Jessica Szollosi

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Customer Details

Address: 33 Lashmere Copthorne Crawley

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I wish to register my objection to this retrospective application for planning permission on this dwelling, based on the following points and opinions:

1. Given that this is a retrospective planning application for a much more advanced usage than the original simpler garage conversion, I believe that this has been a rather deceptive and arguably "sneaky" breach of the original planning permission submission. Originally, as I understand it, this was to be a garage

conversion to install a utility room with downstairs bathroom and not as a self contained rental apartment. The present occupants are now the third set of tenants since the conversion was completed. What is to say that the next step might be a further breach to create a House of Multiple Occupancy for the remainder of the property? That would be an even worse and more disastrous outcome for the area. In this context, the applicant's already flagrant breach of planning laws and, most probably, building and fire regulations should be penalised or denied.

2. A self contained bed-sit is out of keeping on an established low-density estate of detached 3 & 4 bedroom houses and detracts from what has, historically, been an exclusive and highly desirable area of Copthorne.

3. With regard to the "Significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook", there is inevitably additional parking of vehicles belonging to the tenants and in at least 2 of the three tenancies, this has involved another 2 vehicles, one of which is often parked halfway onto the footpath/twitten. This is besides their occasional visitors which can at times create significant overcrowding of the small tight cul-de-sac. This causes an over-bearing presence in that vicinity in what should be a quiet and semi-rural cul-de-sac in a low density area of housing. The driveway on this property is designed and suitable for only 2 vehicles.

4. Regarding "Highway safety issues" there has been something of an historic issue of bad parking by the tenants on the pavements and twitten adjacent to that property, at times blocking the very busy and well used footpath and twitten. Furthermore, this kind of parking and additional vehicle presence has created difficulties for neighbours manoeuvring their cars in the turning area at the head of the cul de sac. Again, there is a significant increased noise and disturbance generated by additional vehicles and occupants. In other words, " more people (including visitors) means more vehicle movements and noise etc."

5. Finally, whilst this may or may not be relevant, depending on whether Building Regulations and Fire Regulations were adhered to or applied, there might be the issue of a Central Heating Boiler (for the whole dwelling) being located within the confines of the new living space, such as a bedroom and which is adjacent to the only and main entry/exit of the bedsit. Arguably this could be in breach of those Regs.

Kind regards