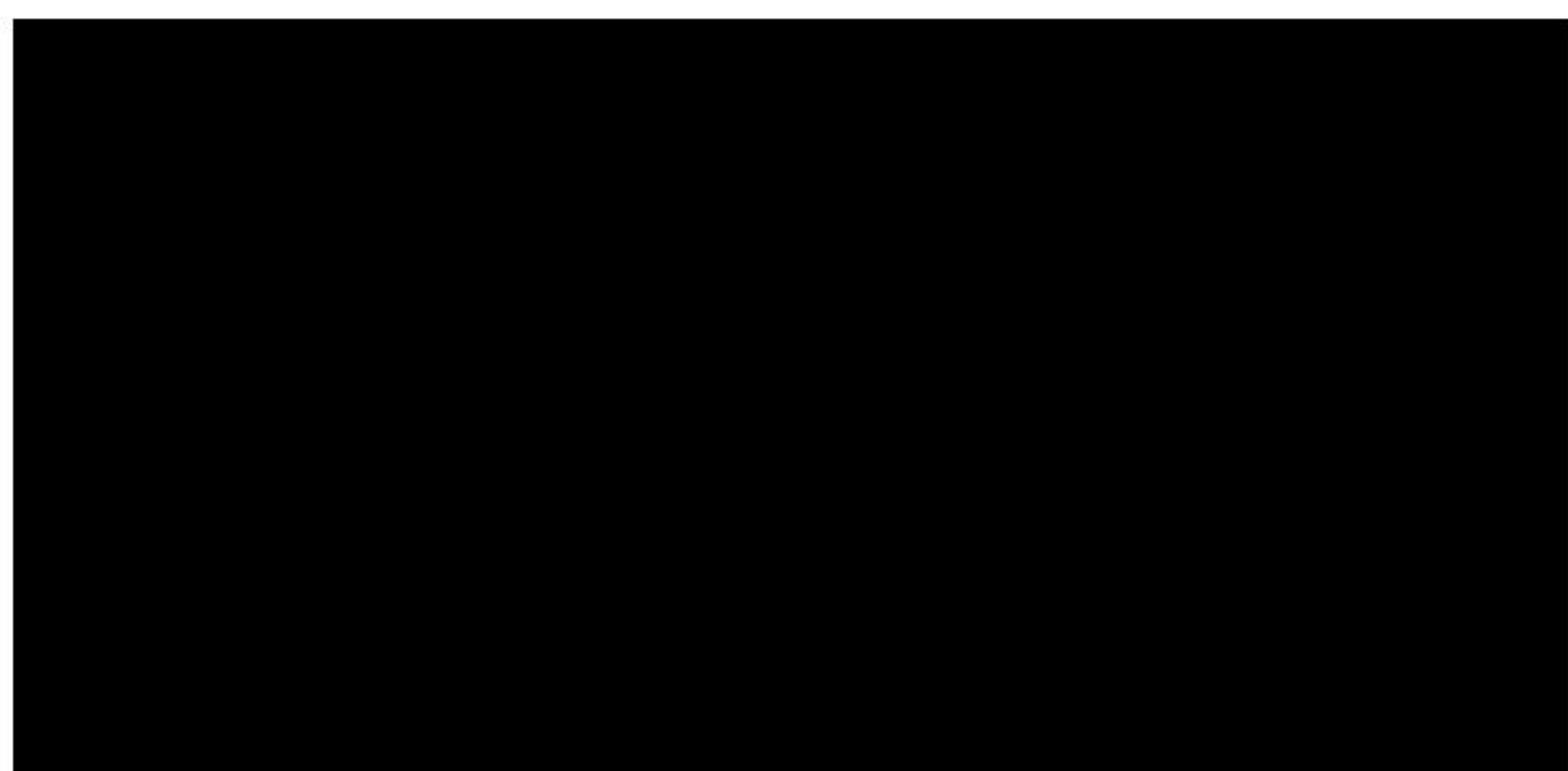


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Objection to Planning Application DM/26/1571 for garage conversion to create a wheelchair-accessible bed and living space and accessible wet-room at 37 Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex

I am writing to object to the garage conversion to create a wheelchair-accessible bed and living space, and an accessible wet room, at 37 Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex.

This is primarily for the following reasons:

1. The provided information is not correct, i.e. according to the application, there are no trees. However, there are hedges and trees between the garage drive at Highfield Drive 37 and Highfield Drive 35. The design requires removal of the garage doors and installation of replacement doors, which may damage the trees and shrubbery
2. The attached drawings are not correct

The red lines showing the boundary between 37 Highfield Drive and 35 Highfield Drive on the 'Existing Block Plan' and 'Proposed Block Plan' are wrong. The boundary appears on the spot like

a straight line, running along the garage wall, the garden gate for Highfield Drive 35, the hedge on its grounds, and the column on its garden wall towards the street.

3. The drawings are without measurements, but only with an indication of scale. Still, show that the design does not conform to approved standards.

- The door from the street and the door to the wet room are too narrow for wheelchair access (75-85 cm)
- The interior space does not accommodate a double bed like the one in the picture (min 180 cm x 180 cm), an accessible wet room (min 175 cm x 150 cm), passages for safe wheelchair use (min width 75 to 85 cm) and manoeuvring (radius min 120 to 150 cm)

3. The impact on services, parking and traffic and appearance is unjustified.

- Each household on Highfield Drive has four bins: refuse, recycling, garden waste, and food. If the garage, drive, and the space in front of the drive are used for wheelchair access instead of bins and parking for Highfield Drive 37, this will affect appearance, services, parking, and traffic congestion in the area between Highfield Drive and Spinney Close, which are often hazardous.
- This type of semi-detached house is part of a terrace with common characteristics. The proposed changes to the exterior do not befit these characteristics or a village like Hurstpierpoint.

I respectfully believe that the planning committee will take the above objections into account and either require the necessary changes or refuse this application.

All the best