

## Peter Davies

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2025 22:01  
**To:** planninginfo  
**Subject:** Re: Planning Application DM/25/0958 – Proposed Development at Former Methodist Church, 42 Cuckfield Road

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regard to the planning application referenced above, which seeks permission in principle for the development of up to six residential dwellings on the site of the former Methodist Church, located opposite my property.

While I appreciate the need for new housing within the district, I wish to formally raise a number of concerns in relation to the proposal, specifically in light of relevant Mid Sussex planning policies and the potential impact on the local environment and community.

### 1. Lack of Detailed Plans

Firstly, I must highlight the limitations posed by an application for "permission in principle" without the inclusion of detailed development plans. It is extremely difficult to assess the full implications of the proposed scheme in the absence of key information such as floor plans, elevations, proposed materials, and landscaping intentions. To ensure informed public participation and proper scrutiny, I respectfully request that the applicant be required to provide more comprehensive details prior to the determination of this application.

### 2. Significantly increased noise and disturbance

As an opposite neighbour, I am particularly concerned about the increase in noise and disturbance both during construction and following occupation. The addition of six new households would introduce a substantial increase in activity, which is likely to affect the peace and quiet currently enjoyed by residents, particularly during evenings and weekends.

### 3. Highway safety issues

Cuckfield Road already suffers from limited on-street parking and significant congestion, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times. Vehicles often mount the pavement to navigate around parked cars, creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians, especially children. The proposed development, without appropriate off-street parking provisions, would exacerbate these existing issues and pose additional risks to road and pedestrian safety.

In addition to the long-term increase in vehicle numbers associated with six new dwellings, the redevelopment phase itself would bring further disruption. Construction-related traffic — including deliveries of materials, skips, and regular access by tradespeople and contractors — would place further strain on the already limited road space. There appears to be little provision for

accommodating such activity without adversely affecting traffic flow and pedestrian safety in the area.

In light of the above, I respectfully request that the Council considers these objections carefully when reviewing the application. I remain supportive of the principle of development but urge that any redevelopment of this site is undertaken in a way that is proportionate, sensitive to the local context, and considerate of its impact on neighbouring residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Yours faithfully,

  
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