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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 29/12/2024 8:17 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Prince Albert Copthorne Bank Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3QX
Proposal:	Sever existing land to retain existing public house use and area of pub garden and erect a convenience store and 4 no. apartments with associated works, including alterations to the existing vehicular access and car park.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Brookside Copthorne Crawley
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	It is clear that The Albert is in need of some restoration and unsustainable in its current state as well as being an eyesore in the centre of the village. A warm, welcoming public house that provides good quality food and welcomes families would be perfect. To build ANOTHER convenience store is pure greed and not at all

necessary due to the presence of three in the village already, one of which has had a high level refurbishment. The presence of a Tesco Express will likely lead to the decline of the current stores and impact the local village residents who own and run them.

My main concern is traffic and the safety of pedestrians including elderly and school children. Copthorne Bank is already incredibly busy and to increase through and stopping traffic will undoubtedly lead to injury or death. It is a bus route, has a junction from Meadow Approach and a T-Junction onto Brookhill Road. As well as this there are two lay-bys and additional traffic parked on the Meadow Approach junction severely impacting visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. My daughter attends a dance class at The Delmar Morgan and crossing the road, especially at peak times, is dangerous. Traffic calming at very minimum is required.

The increased amount of traffic from the new houses at Heathy Wood must also be taken into account. It would surely make more sense to build a convenience store there.

In summary:

- A 4th convenience store is not required and will impact local residents who own and run the two in Copthorne Bank. It will also impact the Post Office services should the one closest to The Albert close.
- Encouraging more traffic to an already bursting village is dangerous and will increase risk of death/injury as well as causing further damage to our already poor quality roads.
- Due to bus stops and residents along the road pedestrians will be at increased risk of injury/death when crossing the road. Speeding 'heavy goods' vehicles frequent our village already and do not need to be added to with other traffic.

As an adult, a worker and a mother who has lived in this village for thirteen years I cannot see how this plan will bring anything but negatives to our village.

The lack of communication to date, the putting through of an application over Christmas and New Year lacks transparency and trust. My overarching concern is that money and investment trumps the safety and support of the local residents in the Copthorne community.

Kind regards