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Sent: 04 November 2025 22:27:03 UTC+00:00
To: "Tracie Axford" <tracie.axford@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2554

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/11/2025 10:27 PM.

Application Summary

Address: 5 Hickmans Lane Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 2BQ

Proposal: New porch, rear box dormer loft conversion, and internal alterations.

Case Officer: Tracie Axford

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Customer Details

Address: Oaklea 7 Hickmans Lane Lindfield

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I wish to confirm that I have no objection to the proposed development in principle. However, I would ask the Local Planning Authority to ensure that any works to the driveway do not result in it being raised above the current level of my adjoining property, as this could alter the natural flow of surface water and increase flood risk.

Under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, Section

14: Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change), development should not increase flood risk elsewhere. The Planning Practice Guidance (Flood risk and coastal change) also states that surface water drainage must be managed within the site boundary and not directed toward neighbouring land.

Given the history of surface water issues on this section of the road, I would respectfully request that:

The planning officer confirms whether any changes to existing driveway or ground levels are proposed;

The driveway surface be required to remain porous/permeable in accordance with Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) best practice; and

An appropriate planning condition be imposed to ensure no increase in flood risk to adjoining properties or the public highway.

This request is made to safeguard local drainage capacity and protect neighbouring properties in line with the principles of the NPPF and relevant local flood-risk policies.

Kind regards