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DM/25/0566

## Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 27/03/2025 11:56 AM from . HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL on behalf of Parish Consultation.

### Application Summary

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| Reference:    | DM/25/0566                                   |
| Address:      | 14 Sycamore Way Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8YH |
| Proposal:     | Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer.   |
| Case Officer: | Caroline Grist                               |

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### Comments Details

Comments: Recommend Approval. The applicant is advised that Government has committed to adopt a 'Future Buildings Standard' during 2021 which will change the Building Regulations requirements for alterations and extensions to homes to bring these alterations closer to that of a 'zero energy building'. This is supported by Policy 5 'Enabling Zero Carbon' of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan which states that proposals that modify existing buildings (including extensions) should seek to maximise the inclusion of energy-saving measures and renewable energy generation. Energy saving measures include floor, roof and wall insulation, and low u-value windows (which may need to be triple glazed). These requirements may require amendments to your design which could affect the drawings submitted for planning permission. The applicant may wish to note that alterations that are built to a Nearly Zero Energy standard, are unlikely to need further retrofitting to minimise the carbon emissions that the nation is required to reduce to zero by 2050. As retrofitting an existing home to be highly energy efficient is more complex than doing so for a new building, applicants may

wish to look at the 'EnerPHit' standard that the Government is understood to be considering as the applicable "Nearly Zero Energy" standard in this context, or at the Archetypes published by the London Energy Transformation Initiative for u-values for your extension walls, windows etc. and for ventilation and overheating prevention standards to be achieved.

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Kind regards