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To: "Andrew Horrell" <andrew.horrell@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/1539

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 27/06/2025 5:22 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Forest View House Haywards Heath Road Balcombe Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6NZ
Proposal:	Replacement of doors and windows to annex and kitchen to the property, erection of pergola and convert an existing outbuilding by replacing the existing frame to become part of the existing annexe.
Case Officer:	Andrew Horrell

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Customer Details

Address:	NAPC Watermoor Point Cirencester
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	On behalf of the National Annexe Planning Consultancy (NAPC), I write in support of planning application DM/25/1539 for the replacement of doors and windows to the annexe and kitchen, erection of a pergola, and the conversion of an existing outbuilding by replacing the frame to become part of the existing annexe at Forest View House, Haywards Heath Road, Balcombe, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 6NZ.

NAPC is the UK's leading voice on ancillary and modular accommodation, and we welcome proposals that make efficient use of existing residential plots to provide flexible, sustainable living arrangements. The works proposed in this application are clearly ancillary to the main dwelling, reinforcing the use of the annexe as part of the established household. Such development supports multigenerational living and offers a practical response to housing and care needs without the impact of large-scale new build.

In considering this application, we note the importance of maintaining a clear ancillary relationship between the annexe and the main house, ensuring that the converted outbuilding remains functionally and physically linked. It is good practice to ensure that access, scale, and layout do not encourage future separation or independent occupation. We encourage the applicant to seek specialist advice if required, and NAPC would be pleased to offer guidance to ensure full policy compliance and long-term peace of mind. Further information and support can be found at <https://napc.uk/annexe-support/>.

We also encourage Mid Sussex District Council to consider the positive outcomes of supportive annexe policies in future iterations of the local plan. Experiences from Ireland and California demonstrate that ancillary accommodation can play a significant role in relieving housing pressures and supporting family cohesion.

NAPC remains available to assist both applicants and the Council in delivering high-quality ancillary accommodation that meets local and national policy objectives.

Kind regards