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To: "Anna Tidey" <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/1439

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/07/2026 1:08 PM.

Application Summary

Address: 1 Portsmouth Wood Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex
RH16 2DH

Proposal: Removal of Condition No: 1 relating to Planning Application
DM/21/2017 - to remove the time restriction from the planning
permission so that the fence can stay permanently in place

Case Officer: Anna Tidey

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Customer Details

Address: 37 Portsmouth Wood Close Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I object to this application to retain the fence at 1 Portsmouth
Wood Close.

The initial planning application (DM/16/1008) was for 5 years, and
was extended for a further 3 years by a second planning
application (DM/21/2017). This expired in December 2024 and the
fence was required to be removed.

This fence is still visible behind the hedge, and I can see no reason why this unsightly fence cannot be removed in accordance with the original planning permission. The fence remains out of character for the rest of the estate, and has a detrimental effect on the street scene.

Correspondence on previous applications noted that the fence affects the planned appearance of Portsmouth Wood and Portsmouth Wood Close and as the estate is an area of Townscape Character under the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan, and, as such, is important in its own right. The correspondence requested that the street scene should be protected and the fence removed. This remains unchanged.

It was also noted on previous applications that it was believed that a permanent fence would also breach a restrictive covenant in all the Deeds for the houses on the estate that prohibits the enclosing of front gardens.

Furthermore, the time limit on the planning application expired over 18 months ago. This current application appears to be an attempt to circumvent the previous planning permissions that were all granted for a limited duration.

I therefore urge you to reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Hughes

Kind regards