

41 Wickham Hill , Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9NP

Thursday 26th February 2026

Attention Mr Andrew Clarke

DM/26/0121 62 Wickham Hill, Hurstpierpoint Hassocks, West Sussex

Variation of condition no 4 of planning permission DM/23/2011 to allow the approved building at 62 Wickham Hill to be used as ancillary/annexe accommodation to the main dwelling.

Objection

I refer to the notice of this application we received earlier this month.

There have been a series of planning applications at this address, the first being to create the current building for use as a car port and workshop. All this seemed quite reasonable, as the original garage at this property was converted into a kitchen within the house itself many years ago.

This space later secured approval for change of use to a home office and meeting room. In fact it was subsequently converted for residential use without apparent approval and let to a third party in mid 2025. Evidence was submitted to MSDC in this regard.

I understand that enforcement action was commenced but the unauthorised use ceased in late 2025. Planning application 26/0255 formalised some amendments to the building.

If this application is approved it will result in a harmful change to the character of Wickham Hill and set a **precedent** for further conversions to residential use as a number of other houses on Wickham Hill have separate garages/out buildings beyond the building line and close to the road.

This would result in a deleterious change to the character of this part of our village currently characterised by large houses with large front gardens giving a semi-rural feel to this area. This conflicts with Policy DP 26 of the MSDC Local Plan and would be an over intensive use of the building curtilage, which is why condition 4 was imposed in 2011.

Domestic paraphernalia around the building e.g. clothes airers /driers, as happened last summer, would be harmful to the setting and impact the amenity of neighbours.

If the application was approved it would be impossible for the local authority to monitor that use of the buildings was in accordance with the permission and the record over the last year gives little or no encouragement in that regard. **In fact quite the contrary. The application should be refused**



