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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1103

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2025 10:51 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Marlow House 107 High Street Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 2HR
Proposal:	Retrospective listed building consent for a variation to the scheme approved under DM/22/3695, incorporating some reinstatement works
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	Chimney Corner High Street Lindfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Applicant
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I have known this property for over fifty years, it was a delightful tea rooms in its prime . Mrs Laurie Hatcher my Mother -in - Law purchased 105 Limes Cottage next door in the seventies. She lived there for over twenty years until 1995. Obviously with Laurie Hatcher living next door I became very familiar with Marlow House and its many changes.

All was perfect until Sir Norman and Lady Longley (owners) engaged new tenants at Marlow House in the eighties. Unfortunately the owners were misled and the property ended up as an Indian Restaurant. As I can vouch these tenants had no respect for the property or the neighbours. I can confirm that after they vacated the premises it was left in a dilapidated state. Please note they altered many listed features and the internal fabric of the listed building to suit the operation of the restaurant. Such elements of taking down and building new walls to suit the logistics of the restaurant operation.

I am also sure you are aware the previous owners up until the Dougall's purchase did the property no favours at all carry out many internal amendments.

I have recently visited the property and would compliment the owners with the sympathetic preservation of the many original features. They have created a beautiful home and achieved an outstanding combination of the old with the new which is in keeping with the Listed Building and Conservation area.

Also the landscaping outside has been done beautifully and every effort has been done to enhance and compliment the Listed Property

I would question why MSDC have for nearly forty years never paid any attention to this building, and neglected to inspect over this period either externally or internally. Even viewing the outside of the property on the High Street it has been an eyesore which surely merited inspection.

As you can gather I fully support this application 100%

Christine Hatcher

Kind regards