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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/11/2025 8:23 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Esmeralda Cottage 43 West Common Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 2AJ
Proposal:	Proposed first floor side extension and roof alterations, rear facing dormer window, front facing roof light window and removal of chimney (Amended plans received 10.10.25 and 13.10.25)
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Customer Details

Address:	38 West Common Lindfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Local amenity society or association
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	The Lindfield Society object to these proposals. Although just outside the Lindfield Conservation Area Esmeralda Cottage, 43 West Common, sits in a prominent position on the main southern approach road to Lindfield and is part of a distinctive row of detached properties designed by the well-known local architect Harold Turner. These properties do much to reinforce the special townscape character of Lindfield and its immediate surroundings.

The proposed 'dormer' extension at first floor level to the side of the property is completely out of scale with the existing roof with a large expanse of flat roof that would be in sharp contrast to the design of adjacent dormers. In the Society's opinion this would have a detrimental effect on the streetscape of West Common.

The second floor roof extension to the rear of the property is also not only out of scale with the existing roof but with the proposed large-scale windows and Juliet balcony create an aesthetic that does not sit well with the original building design.

Together with the removal of the central chimney, these proposals ignore the MSDC Design Guide for loft conversions/roof extensions which states that the original form of the roof should remain the dominant form.

Kind regards