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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/2833

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/12/2025 12:15 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Hampton House High Street East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3AW

Proposal: Change of use of building from Class E to residential to form 4no flats, consisting of internal changes to the floor plan. (Revised plans received 27.11.2025) (Revised description agreed 01.12.2025)

Case Officer: Caroline Grist

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Customer Details

Address: High Street East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Business or other organisation

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The proposed development would result in the loss of existing office accommodation, for which insufficient justification has been provided. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the office space is no longer required, unviable, or unsuitable for continued employment use, nor that reasonable efforts have been made to retain the site in employment use.

The unjustified loss of office floorspace would undermine the supply of local employment opportunities and would be contrary to the economic objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which seeks to support sustainable economic growth, and contrary to relevant policies of the Mid Sussex District Plan which seek to safeguard existing employment sites and premises.

Harm to Character and Appearance of the Area

The proposed development, by reason of its scale, massing, design and/or siting, would appear overbearing and visually intrusive within the surrounding area, causing harm to the character and appearance of the locality. The proposal fails to respond positively to local character and distinctiveness.

The development is contrary to the design principles set out in the NPPF and the relevant design policies of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

Impact on Residential Amenity

The proposal would result in an unacceptable loss of residential amenity to neighbouring occupiers through loss of privacy, overlooking, overshadowing and/or overbearing impact. The development therefore conflicts with policies intended to protect the living conditions of existing and future residents.

Conclusion

The Local Planning Authority considers that the proposal would result in the unjustified loss of employment space, alongside other identified harms, and that these adverse impacts would significantly and demonstrably outweigh any benefits of the development. The proposal therefore does not constitute sustainable development and planning permission is refused.

Kind regards