

Steven King

From: Steven King
Sent: 24 July 2026 10:47
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Subject: RE: Development Site At Former Tower Car Sales, Tower Close, East Grinstead - DM/26/1449

Dear Rebecca

Thank you for confirming that this application is not proposing any external changes to the building and that the proposal is for an internal reconfiguration only. The only external change that is being proposed in this application is the cycle store on the outside of the fencing on the southeast side of the site adjacent to the Council car park. I will therefore determine the application on this basis.

As you know, the previous planning was refused for four reasons, with the third and fourth reasons relating to the design and quality of the accommodation being provided and the inadequacy of the cycle storage to be provided. The first and second reasons for refusal related to the absence of a legal agreement to secure Ashdown Forest mitigation and infrastructure contributions.

The current application was submitted closely after the refusal of the previous application, and no pre application engagement was sought. In my view the current application has not overcome the third and fourth reasons for refusal. I do not consider the proposal to be the high-quality accommodation that is sought by development plan policy. In my view the proposed cycle store would not be convenient for occupiers of the flats to use and is not an acceptable solution.

As I do not consider the content of the application to be acceptable, I do not propose instructing the Councils solicitor with regards to the Ashdown Forest and infrastructure contributions. I do not consider this would be an efficient use of Council resources as the scheme itself is not acceptable.

It is therefore my intention to recommend this application is refused. I am sorry I cannot be more positive, but fundamentally, there is an approved scheme, and this is what should have been constructed at the site.

Regards

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Sent: 22 July 2026 09:50

To: Steven King <Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk>

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Yes, that is correct.

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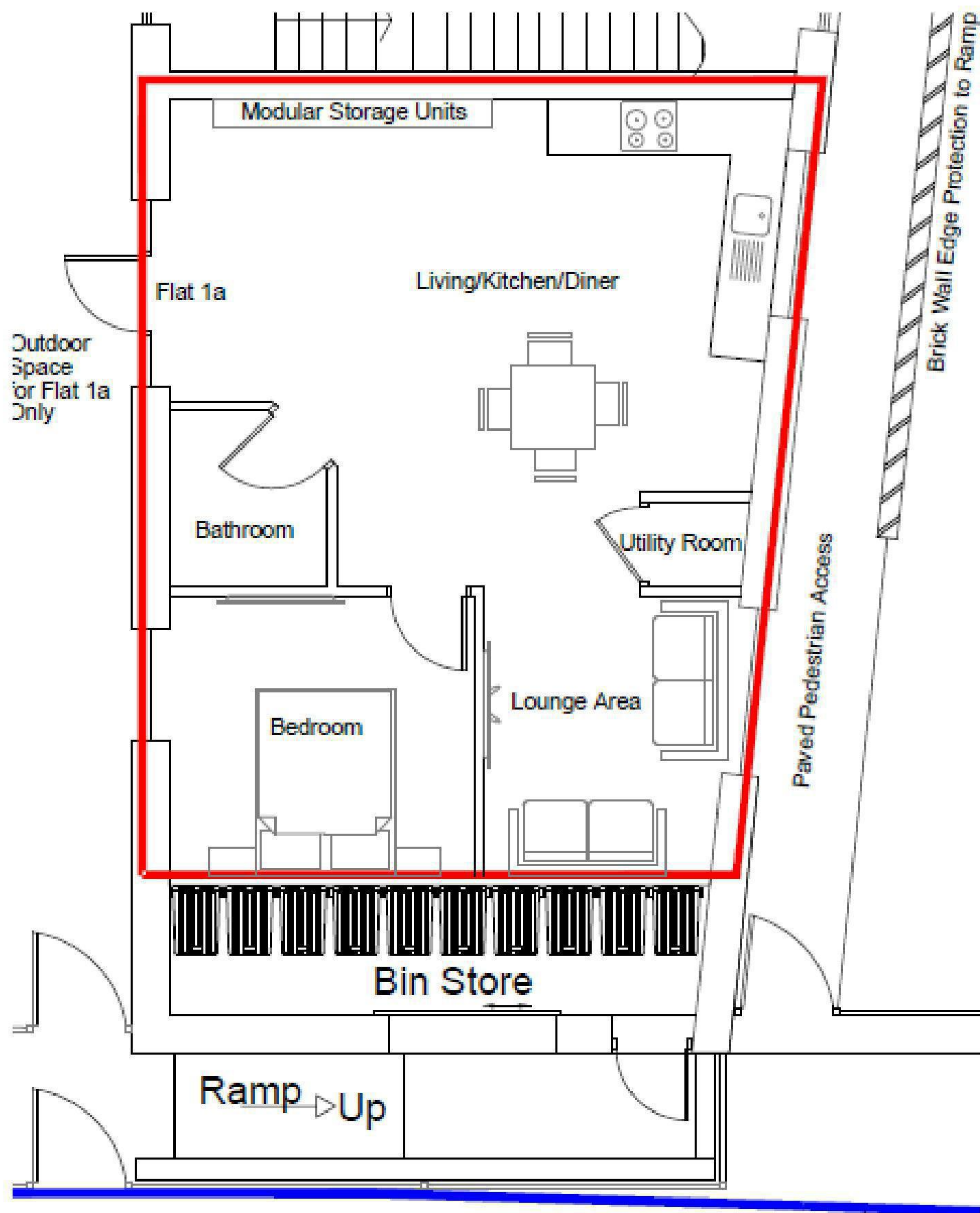
On Wed, 22 Jul 2026 at 09:35, Steven King <Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Rebecca

You have stated that the proposal is for an internal configuration at the site. Can you confirm that the northeast elevation of the site will remain exactly the same as it is now please. At present there are two openings, one for the bin store and one for the cycle store as shown in the photo below.



The proposed floor plan shows the bin store running across the length of this section of the building, with the internal wall separating the current bin store and cycle store being removed. Are you saying that a door is proposed on this elevation and the other existing opening will remain in place? This is not clear from the floor plan (extract below), hence the request for the elevations.



I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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Sent: 22 July 2026 08:36

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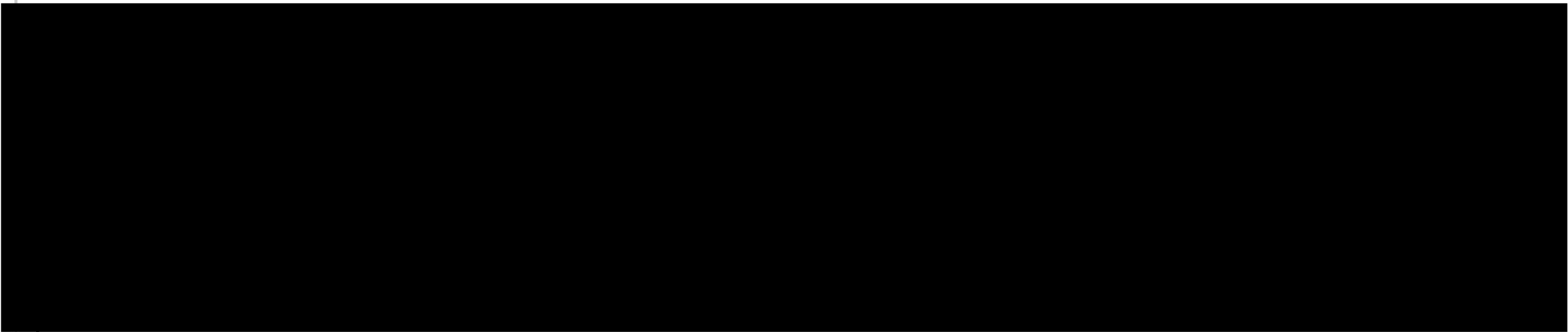
What is going on here. We are at the point of determination again and now your asking for existing and proposed elevations for internal configuration and the application has been made invalid! This is absolutely ridiculous and if it's invalid and you are starting the whole determination period again, I will take this further.

You all need to start being more responsible for the mistakes that keep being made.

Regards

Rebecca

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On Wed, 1 Jul 2026 at 15:45, Steven King <Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Rebecca

Thanks for the update.

Should I send all future correspondence regarding this application to Arun and copy you in?

Regards

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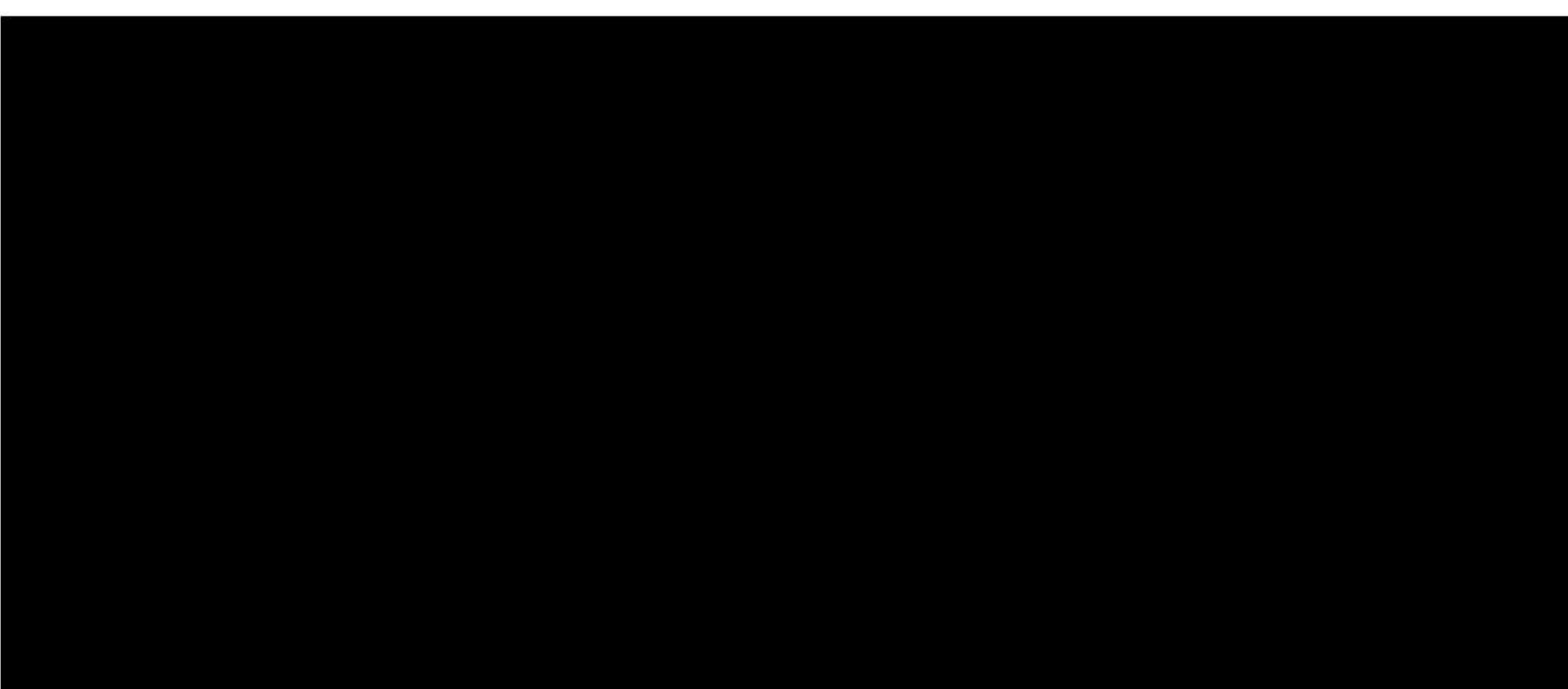
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Good morning

Please note that we now have a new agent for this application. His name is Arun and he has been copied in to this email.

Kind regards



Dear Steven

Yes that is correct.

Regards

Rebecca

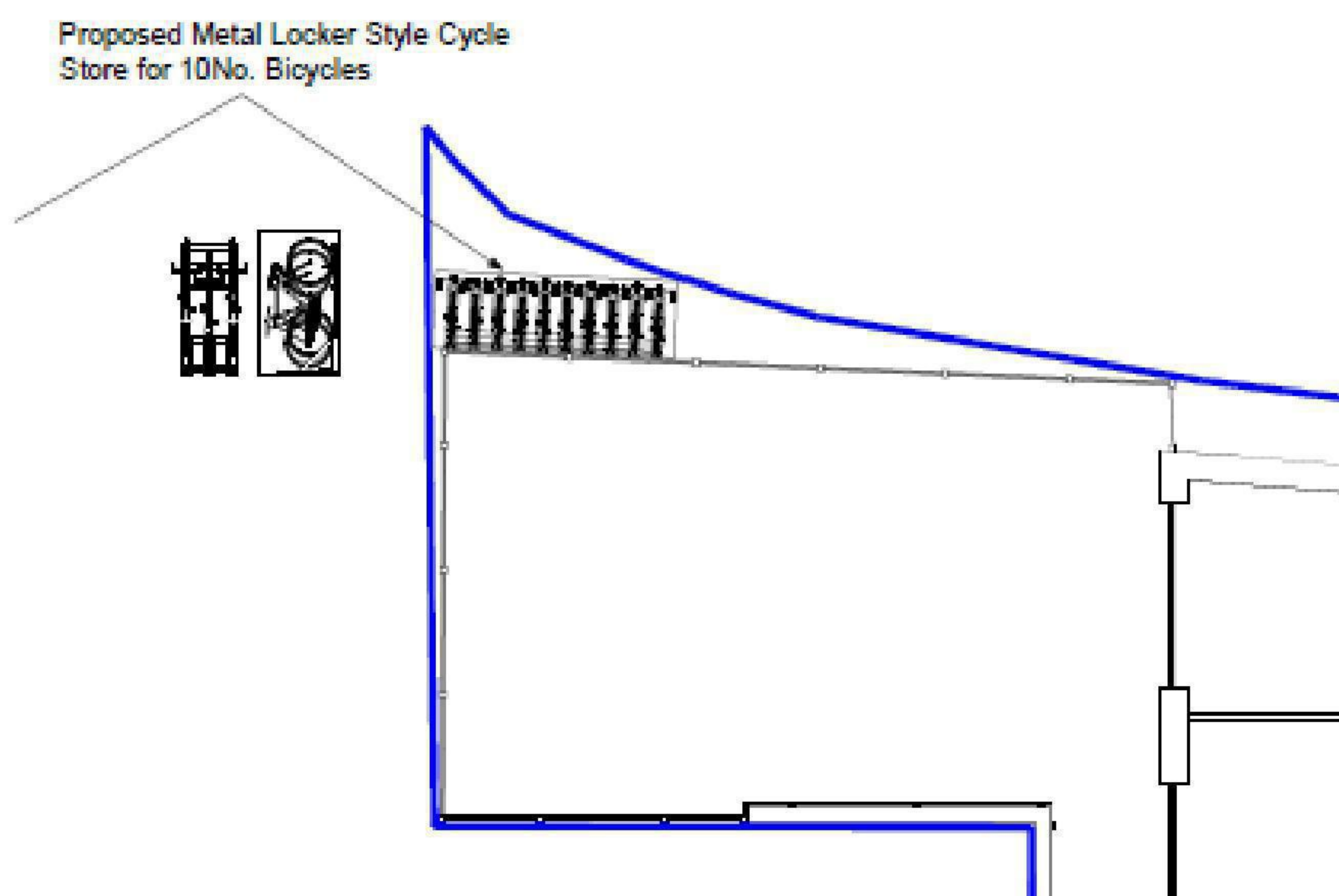
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On Fri, 12 Jun 2026 at 18:14, Steven King <Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Rebecca

I'm writing with regards to the above planning application. I'd be grateful if you could clarify a point regarding the proposed cycle store.

Am I correct to say that the proposed cycle store would be on the outside of the timber fence at the site and would need to be accessed via the car park rather than through the site itself?



I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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