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To: "Andy Watt" <andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 02/04/2025 8:54 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Site Of 60 Keymer Road Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8AR
Proposal:	Mixed use redevelopment of the site comprising of ground floor commercial/community use and 26 No. new residential units on upper floors alongside associated parking and public realm improvements.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address:	83 Hassocks Gate Hassocks
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

There is no dispute that the site needs to be developed, but the proposed four-storey building is significantly taller and larger than any surrounding structures and would stand out as an imposing tower block in the heart of the village. It needs to be realistic, sustainable and not have a negative impact on the village. It needs to work for the community.

Some further points below:

1. Visual Impact & Overdevelopment

- A tall structure like this could dominate the skyline, overshadowing smaller, traditional buildings and altering the village's visual appeal.

The scale of the building could make it feel more like an urban development than a rural community. A four-storey structure in a low-rise setting would be visually intrusive, looming over nearby homes and public spaces.

2. Strain on Local Infrastructure

- The village is already oversubscribed at Doctors surgeries and schools.

Also with limited facilities such as drainage, water supply, and waste management. A large building could put excessive pressure on these services. With already a high village population the space could be better used for strictly commercial use. With the amount of young family's in the area that space could be utilised as a play cafe / restaurant/bar by night.

3. Loss of Privacy & Light for Nearby Homes

- A four-storey building could overlook existing houses and gardens, reducing residents' privacy and blocking natural light. Think how high it's going to be overlooking people's property and gardens in Dale avenue and Parklands Road.

There would be an overwhelming sense of enclosure due to the building's excessive height.

4. Potential Noise & Disruption

- Higher occupancy could lead to increased noise levels, affecting the peace and quiet of the village. Also additional pollution.

5. This development would be huge in the middle of the village.

We are part of the South Downs National Park and this could set a precedent and impact other villages too.

Kind regards