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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 02/04/2025 8:40 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:	10 Saint Annes Gardens Hassocks
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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Although I welcome the redevelopment of existing sites rather than the development of our green spaces and the many more issues that this raises, in my humble opinion they should improve the site and enhance the surroundings. The proposal appears to make good use of the space; there is facility for parking, there are good sized retail units, and the general look and feel are not only in keeping but also modernise the area to a sensitive degree. Stylistically not too ultra modern,
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but also a pleasant improvement over the 50's / 60's appearance of Orion Parade, which looks tired by comparison

My objection is to the height of the proposal. From the elevations, it is clearly proposed to be higher than all of the surrounding buildings by some degree. Due to it's footprint and height, in it's current format this building would absolutely dominate the immediate area and materially change the character of the village centre. From it's current sense of fairly low level and open, to enclosed , overlooked, urban and gloomy. Particularly from the descent from East to West along Keymer Road, where the view across from the entrance to Adastra Park, looking East where a huge section of skyline would be blocked in.

Famously, both commercial and residential planning proposals are always first submitted asking for 'more' with the expectation of it being reduced down to something mutually acceptable by the developer and council / community, and this feels no different.

If the proposal were reduced by one storey, I would have no objections

Kind regards