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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 8:20 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:	23 Downs View Road Hassocks
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	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. 1. Visual Impact & Overdevelopment - A taller structure 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. Traffic & Parking Issues

- Increased density could lead to more vehicles, exacerbating congestion on narrow village roads and creating parking shortages. Even with proposed parking that is unlikely enough for 26 flats.

3. Strain on Local Infrastructure

- Villages often have limited facilities such as drainage, water supply, and waste management. A large building could put excessive pressure on these services.

4. 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 overlooking people gardens in Dale avenue and Parklands.

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

5. Potential Noise & Disruption

- Higher occupancy could lead to increased noise levels, affecting the peace and quiet that many villagers value. Also additional pollution.

6. Too high an impact on local services; doctors, dentists, schools and parking are already overloaded

Kind regards