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**Subject:** Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application  
DM/24/2214

## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/10/2024 1:07 PM.

### Application Summary

Address:	Lingworth 17 Oathall Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 3EG
Proposal:	Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to care home (Use Class C2) including erection of side and rear extensions to the main building and roof extension above existing garage to the coach house.
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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### Customer Details

Address:	19 Oathall Road Haywards Heath
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### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We are the immediate neighbour of Lingworth, 17 Oathall Road and are writing to object to the application DM/24/2214 for the following reasons.  The enlargement of the Coach House by way of a roof extension above the existing garage creates serious concern of overlooking into our property and loss of privacy from the addition of the three

rooflight windows directly facing our garden. Also, the scale of the extension will be overly dominating when viewed from our property, on a building that has already been sufficiently extended/converted in the past.

We recently applied to MSDC for a modest single storey side/rear extension to our property (replacing built form), far more modest in relative size and scale to that proposed here to the main house (Lingworth) and Coach House. We withdrew our application as the extension got progressively smaller following comments from your Conservation Officer, who stated that it was over scaled in relation to the core of the building in terms of height and footprint. We were also told that our proposal was harmful to the character and appearance of the building and of the wider conservation area, despite making a number of significant reductions to the design, scale, height and depth in response.

Understandably, based on the response we received to our application, we fully expect the same principals and standards to be applied in this case by your Conservation Officer, on the basis that these proposals are adding a huge new extension to the existing dwelling that is essentially doubling the width of the property when viewed from the road and greatly increasing its footprint. The scale is therefore, by definition, harmful to the character of the building and the conservation area. The same applies for the significant increase in height and scale of the proposed Coach House extension which is not only seen by its neighbouring properties but also by the public in Clair Park.

We also echo the concerns raised by others in respect of the parking and highways safety issues this will create. There is already very limited and sought-after available parking on Oathall Road. This will only exacerbate those issues further with insufficient parking being proposed on site for staff and visitors. The existing street parking creates enormous difficulty for residents on this side of the road to exit safely with visibility severely restricted by parked cars either side. The dangers will only increase with the additional vehicle movements this proposal will generate.

Whilst we don't necessarily object to the change of use to a care home, we do strongly object to the scale of the building changes being proposed which are both unnecessary in scale and quite clearly at odds with your authority's vehement protection of the conservation area's character.

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Kind regards