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To: "Peter Davies" <peter.davies@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0803

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/04/2026 2:24 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Depot Rear Of 25 Gower Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4PL
Proposal:	Retrospective application for the subdivision of an existing Class E commercial unit into two separate Class E units.
Case Officer:	Peter Davies

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Customer Details

Address:	29 Gower 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:	I wish to object formally to this planning application. The retrospective application to subdivide into two premises should be considered in the context of negative impact that it has already had, in addition to anything further which may occur. There is also an application for the installation of 5 white UPVC windows and install 1 door into an existing wall (DM/26/0778) which I believe is relevant to this case. The premises has already doubled in use, contrary to its approved

use and evidenced by the fact there is a separate retrospective planning application in and at consultation. The impact to local neighbours, in my case immediately adjacent and less than 10 metres away, is significant.

There is a significant loss of privacy with premises overlooking directly into homes and gardens. Within the last 12 months, this has involved CCTV cameras being installed less than a metre from a neighbouring residential property with CCTV footage directly into that residents home. The existing fire exit door, which in current planning consent is literally for use as a fire exit only, is now in constant use as the main access / egress point to the subdivided premises external storage. The loss of privacy has already been impacted to an unacceptable level within recent months with adjacent residential property having to fund remedial work themselves to prevent CCTV footage of their kitchen, front room, and bedrooms being broadcast into the second, currently unpermitted, commercial premises.

There will be additional noise and disturbance. The business premises use is effectively being doubled, with current planning consent only for one business premises. The significantly increased noise and disturbance from industrial premises on neighbouring residents is highly likely to continue and increase. Within the last 12 months, an entrance designed as fire exit is now in use routinely and left open, with significant noise from the business premises including constant loud doorbells on loudspeakers designed to be heard in the commercial premises exterior storage area. One hundred plus times per hour when premises is open was noted for report to Environmental Health, as it currently activates any time there is movement through the second premises' main door on the east of the premises. Any additional windows and doors will inevitably allow that noise impact to continually adversely impact local residents. This significant level of noise impact on local residents, when it can be heard from within their homes with all doors and windows closed, stemming from a currently unpermitted commercial use I consider to be completely unacceptable.

Traffic parking and highway safety are a significant concern. There is no designated parking at these premises, and the impact of additional vehicular traffic attending the premises or being left at the automotive garage can only exacerbate the current situation. Vehicles are frequently left for extended periods, months at a time, on public highway on roads immediately surrounding the premises. The split commercial use in this retrospective application includes a second business whereby people will inevitably attend with even more vehicles, causing the traffic impact to deteriorate further. This includes neighbours being blocked in by parking on Access Protection Lines and parking in a manner to risk public safety. An application for retrospective planning permission to double the use of the premises, when

considered with planning application DM/26/0778 for installation of further doors and windows, show that the additional use when considered with poor road conditions, inadequate or no parking at the premises, negative impact on emergency services access and negative impact on neighbours ability to access their own homes and driveways is highly likely.

The premises is in a location which suffers from frequent surface flooding and poor drainage with antiquated drains. This application, resulting from retrospective planning application to intensify business use from what is currently permitted will have a negative impact with use and demand on drainage systems doubling.

The application for exterior windows and doors (DM/26/0778) and retrospective planning to split said premises into two commercial units (DM/26/0803) has already had a significant adverse impact on the local environs and neighbours, and has been done outside of the legal planning process. It will only continue to do so if planning permission is granted.

I respectfully request that this planning application is refused.

Kind regards