

Application Reference: DM/24/3076

Location: 87 - 89 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1EQ

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Comments submitted by Disability Access – East Grinstead

We have previously submitted comments regarding several other applications which address new flats above and adjacent to various retail and commercial premises in the East Grinstead town centre area.

We will not repeat the detailed comments which were submitted, and would also apply to this application, but we would make a more general point that there are an increasing number of applications which include flats and apartments on first and higher floors above existing retail and business premises.

We would repeat the general observation that, because of the town centre scenario, a relatively high proportion of new apartments are on the first floor and above where there may be no lifts available and narrow staircases up to the apartment entrance doors. The inevitable result of this is that an increasing number and proportion of apartments in these town centre locations are not accessible to the disabled and people with reduced mobility.