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To: "Anna Tidey" <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/0351

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/03/2025 8:58 AM.

Application Summary

Address: S Taylor Jewellers 30 Cantelupe Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3BJ

Proposal: Proposal to convert the existing commercial space into a self-contained residential flat, extend the current one-bedroom ground floor flat into a two-bedroom unit, install seven rooflights in the rear existing commercial space, add a new door and window on the side elevation, and raise the single-storey roof to match the existing structure. Remove garage door to provide parking spaces and bin store at front of property

Case Officer: Anna Tidey

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Customer Details

Address: 26 Chequer Road East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: My concerns are based on several material planning considerations:

1. Loss of Outlook and Impact on Residential Amenity
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The proposed development is directly in front of a row of residential houses, significantly reducing the open outlook currently enjoyed by existing residents. This will have a detrimental impact on the quality of life for those affected and contribute to a feeling of enclosure in what is currently a more open and historically consistent streetscape.

2. Harm to the Character of the Victorian Streetscape

The existing building is a Victorian structure that is very much in keeping with the architectural heritage of the area. There is significant concern that any extension or alteration will be a modern and unsympathetic addition that clashes with the surrounding period properties. The potential use of contemporary materials and design choices that do not respect the existing historic fabric of the area would be harmful to the visual character of the street.

3. Loss of Trees and Greenery

The application proposes the removal of trees, which will diminish the character of the area, reduce biodiversity, and eliminate an important visual buffer. The loss of mature greenery is an irreversible change that would negatively affect the aesthetic appeal and environmental health of the neighbourhood.

4. Overdevelopment of the Site

The proposed changes, including the addition of another bedroom and structural alterations, appear to be an attempt to maximise space rather than contribute positively to the surrounding area. The scale and design of the proposed development may lead to an overbearing effect on neighboring properties, affecting their privacy and enjoyment of their homes.

Given these significant concerns, I strongly urge the Council to reject this application. The proposed development will negatively impact the character and residential environment of the area.

Kind regards