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To: "Andy Watt" <andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 15/04/2025 12:17 PM.

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:	6 Ewart Close 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 development of this site is well overdue and most villagers would be happy to see a suitable development. Like many others I object to this current proposal on the following grounds:

1. The development is far too large for the site. The building will dominate and be overbearing due to its height and decreasing the light levels and privacy to the lower surrounding properties. Four stories is far too tall and not in keeping with the other buildings

around it. Three stories would be much more acceptable.

2. Inadequate parking for the number of flats and commercial properties proposed. Already parking in the village is extremely difficult and the proposed parking charges will only add to this. There is also another development about to happen just up the road opposite Adastra car park entrance where 2 houses (68 & 70 Keymer Road) are to be demolished and replaced with 41 flats and only 15 parking places. They are calling these retirement flats but are for over 55's, most of whom will still have cars.

3. At the junction of Dale Avenue with Keymer Road there will be decreased visibility. This junction is extremely busy at school run times with cars, children on bikes and hundreds of pedestrians the majority of whom are children. Safety must be paramount at this junction.

4. The existing infrastructure is struggling to cope with more and more people and cars. Roads are jammed up and often at grid-lock particularly during rush hour times. Schools, doctors and dentists are already oversubscribed. Hassocks is in a water deprived area with some residents already struggling with low pressure water supply. There is also the issue of flooding in the centre of the village every time there is heavy rain.

This development should not be given the go ahead until issues are solved.

Kind regards