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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/24/3077

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/01/2025 9:58 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Sussex House Perrymount Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1DN
Proposal:	Demolition of the existing buildings and construction of a new food store (Use Class E(a)), with access, car and cycle parking, landscaping and associated works
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	Garden House Balcombe
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I must object to this proposal. Any new development of this site should have at least 4 floors of apartments above the retail space and the car parking should be underground. The glaringly obvious solution to the problem of providing more housing in the District is to redevelop the centres of both Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath. Both towns are on the main railway line and owe their existence to this fact. However, the Victorian and

later housing is at a very low density and needs replacing by higher density housing, as seen all over the rest of the world.

Currently, the shops in both towns are struggling through lack of foot fall, with many empty or occupied by charity shops. We need apartment blocks of four or five floors, above the shop levels, with underground carparking. This is what we have in London, Barcelona, Paris, Vienna, Toulouse and every other thriving European town.

However, the District Council has imposed multiple preservation orders on trees, Victorian villas and other buildings of dubious merit that currently make it virtually impossible to redevelop the centres of these two failing towns. Until this ludicrous situation changes, to fulfil government-imposed housing targets, every unprotected rural acre in Mid Sussex will eventually become part of a gigantic housing estate.

In 1851 the UK population was 27 million, it is now 69 million. We desperately need more homes and we desperately need to redevelop both Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath. Every time that the District Council refuses permission to build apartments in these towns, it condemns more of our precious green acres to be covered in concrete.

Yours sincerely

Julian Smith

Kind regards