

Andy Watt

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Sent: 28 July 2025 09:51
To: Andy Watt
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/24/2957

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 28/07/2025 9:51 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Prince Albert Copthorne Bank Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3QX
Proposal:	Sever existing land to retain existing public house use and area of pub garden and erect a convenience store and 4 no. apartments with associated works, including alterations to the existing vehicular access and car park (Amended plans and retail justification received 1 May 2025) (Updated drainage, ecology and landscaping information received 26 June 2025)
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address:	6 COPTHORNE BANK Copthorne Crawley
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	On behalf of the Copthorne Post Office and KWIK Shop, I am writing once again to formally express our strong opposition to the proposed development of a large convenience store in Copthorne. We have previously raised concerns regarding the impact such a development would have on our business and the wider community. However, I would like to reiterate these points in the hope they will be given fair reconsideration. First and foremost, the introduction of a large-scale convenience store in close proximity to ours store poses a threat to the sustainability of our business. The arrival of a significantly larger competitor will result in a loss of retail trade, forcing us to shut down. This would not only mark the closure of our shop but also the loss of the Post Office branch, which is an

essential service for many residents of Copthorne.

Our family has been part of the Copthorne community for over 25 years, and we have invested heavily, both financially and emotionally, in our business. The potential closure of the Copthorne Post Office and KWIK Shop would have profound consequences on our livelihood.

Currently, Copthorne supports three retail outlets. The introduction of a large convenience store would significantly damage the local retails and could lead to the collapse of existing small businesses.

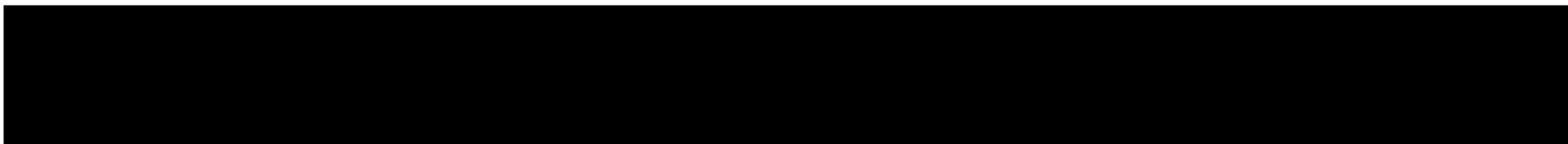
Additionally, we are concerned about the likely increase in traffic congestion around an already busy junction, which would further impact the quality of life for residents.

In light of the above concerns, we respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed development plans. We believe supporting locally owned businesses is crucial to maintaining the unique character of the Copthorne community

I'm increasingly frustrated having to repeatedly justify why the proposed convenience store next to our business, which includes the Post Office, is unsustainable. Our family is already under financial strain, and introducing direct competition right beside us will only worsen our situation. This move threatens the viability of a long-standing community service, and if our concerns continue to be ignored, we will be left with no choice but to consider legal action to protect our business and livelihood.

Thank you for your time and attention

Yours sincerely,

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Kind regards