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**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 03/11/2025 7:56 PM.

### Application Summary

**Address:** Ousedale Brook Street Cuckfield Haywards Heath West Sussex  
RH17 5JJ

**Proposal:** Two storey bay structure to front elevation, single storey rear extension, ridge height increase, timber cladding, render and changes to fenestration. Demolish existing conservatory. (amended plans received 14.10.2025)

**Case Officer:** Catherine Cardin

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### Customer Details

**Address:** Anderida, Brook Green, Brook Street Cuckfield

### Comments Details

**Commenter Type:** Neighbour or general public

**Stance:** Customer objects to the Planning Application

**Reasons for comment:**

**Comments:** Further to my neutral comment on the previous set of plans for Ousedale, I now have doubts as to the possibility of resolving the privacy issues between our houses by means of the tall hedge. The levels have been raised by nearly a metre which is a considerable difference, feels overbearing, and there are windows all along the rear. Can this be addressed?  
It also seems that the "bulk" of the house is greatly increased and

it doesn't seem to be in keeping with the rest of the street which is predominantly brick, natural wood cladding and tile. This structure is completely bright white looking at the pictures provided.

Perhaps some consideration could be given to the effect of this radical difference in style on the general street scene in what is, after all, an AONB.

I also find the many inaccuracies in the design and access statement a bit annoying. Perhaps these could be addressed too? eg I don't think fig 9 is actually in Brook St. The new building will be visible to the neighbours where it is stated that it won't. etc

Somewhere, it said there were no environmental elements to be considered. But there are wide, mature hedges on three sides, which are heavily used by nesting birds every year and other wildlife, will they have some kind of protection within any eventual planning consent? I have bats living in my porch, directly behind Ousedale, their feeding flight paths go up the hedges and trees on our border, will there be any consideration given to limiting the outdoor lighting to avoid light pollution which has very negative effects on bats ( and the insects they feed on) ? Also, lighting at a greater height than the fixtures there now, would shine directly into my property, which is undesirable.

In principal I don't object to a re-working of the house at Ousedale, but I feel elements of the style, and height, ( with resulting privacy issues for me) would benefit from being re-visited to fit into the local environment a little better?

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Kind regards