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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 07/05/2025 6:07 PM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | The Prince Albert Copthorne Bank Copthorne Crawley West<br>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) |
| Case Officer: | Andrew Watt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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### Customer Details

Address: Weir Cottage Church Road Copthorne

### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour or general public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Comments:            | The additional information does nothing to allay my concerns expressed in my previous comment. The highly theoretical retail analysis does not alter my view that a Tesco convenience store will threaten the viability of the adjacent general store and post office, in all probability leading to the village losing its post office. The equally theoretical review of the Prince Albert Public House |

garden is effectively a self fulfilling prophecy. The existing pub is primarily used by drinkers and has no pretensions to become a family establishment serving food. However, such a facility is desperately needed in the village and the development would preclude the Prince Albert from ever developing into a family pub. I also have ongoing serious concerns concerning the impact of the proposed development on road safety, at what is, in spite of recent alignment improvements, a congested junction which will only be exacerbated by the development. Why can this store not be built on the Heathy Wood development where there are no facilities for a development of some 500 properties?  
I strongly oppose this application.

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Kind regards