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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/0958

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 23/04/2025 10:14 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Former Methodist Church Hall 42 Cuckfield Road Hurstpierpoint
Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9SA

Proposal: Application for permission in principle for development of up to 6no. residential dwellings across a floor space of up to 1,000sqm

Case Officer: Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address: 40 Cuckfield Road Hurstpierpoint

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Re: Planning Application DM/25/0958- Proposed Development at Former Methodist Church, 42 Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks

I am writing to formally comment on the above-referenced planning application in principle for the development of up to six residential dwellings on the site of the former Methodist Church adjacent to my property. While I understand the need for housing development in the area, I would like to raise some concerns with

the plans.

For clarity, I note that my feedback is based on the dwellings being constructed within the existing church building. In addition, I note that an application for "permission in principle" with no further plans makes it difficult to assess the full impact of the development both in terms of the work undertaken and the final dwellings. To allow for proper public consideration, I would request a more comprehensive outline of the intended development, including floor plans, elevations, materials, parking facilities and proposed landscaping etc.

Firstly, in terms of the appearance of the area, the church (built in 1910) is a notable feature of Hurstpierpoint and its local history so we would expect this development to be sensitive to the architectural heritage. The proposed number of dwellings appears excessive for the size of the plot. This raises concerns about overdevelopment, which could negatively impact the character of the local area. The nature and scale of the works may significantly alter the character of the existing building and surrounding environment. It is important that any modifications remain in keeping with the architectural context and preserve the visual amenity of the area.

Secondly, as an immediate neighbour, I am concerned that the construction and subsequent occupation of the proposed dwellings would introduce significant noise and disturbance to the surrounding area. Six additional dwellings on such a small plot is significant and would adversely affect the noise levels and quality of life for us and other neighbouring properties, particularly during unsocial hours.

The proposed development may result in direct overlooking into our home and garden, severely affecting our privacy. I respectfully request plans be reviewed with a view to reduce overlooking and safeguarding neighbour privacy, potentially through alterations to window placements or inclusion of screening.

Finally, Cuckfield Road is a busy road with limited on-street parking - particularly at busy times (school run etc). The addition of six dwellings would add to the challenges around lack of parking and exacerbate existing congestion and safety risks for children walking to school.

In conclusion, I would urge the council to take these factors into consideration when assessing the planning application

Thank you for considering my views.

Kind regards

