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To: "Caroline Grist" <caroline.grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
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 11/03/2026 11:09 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Natwest 15 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1AJ
Proposal:	Change of use of first and second storey floorspace of the existing building from commercial (Class E) use to 8 x HMO bedrooms (Sui Generis) use with associated communal facilities, double storey front extension, single storey rear extension, new rooflight, extension of existing wall and a new flat roof to the rear.
Case Officer:	Caroline Grist

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Customer Details

Address:	13 London Road East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Business or other organisation
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I strongly object to the above planning application. My retail business and building is in the high street preservation area and next to the old NatWest building which is also a historic building which should be preserved as part of the original town. To extend would completely change the structure and appearance of the building and also the proposed residents would impact our

business greatly.

There is also no rear access and therefore no area to store the 16 bins that would be needed for new flats.(8 recycling & 8 rubbish) Also the social impact that the flats would have on the town will I feel be detrimental to the town and to mine and other local businesses.

London Road already has Stag House which has already had a detrimental impact on the town with the residents regularly dumping rubbish on Rices Hill, the constant smell of marijuana, antisocial behaviour, police regularly attending and even armed response attending on numerous occasions. There are already numerous HMO properties in Institute Walk which brings drunks, blatant drug use and anti social behaviour in the town.

There is a new business just about to open in the downstairs of this building which is fantastic for the town as an occupied shop brings customers and sustainability for fellow retailers. I'm sure the new occupiers will be very unhappy to invest vast sums of money on the shop fit only to find the owners then want to subject them to either months of building work above or if planning is approved the possibility of more HMO residence. I really can't see how this application benefits our town. We need to invest in the town for the High Street and London Road to survive, not to cause more problems.

Kind regards