

From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 June 2025 10:21:04 UTC+01:00
To: "Andrew Horrell" <andrew.horrell@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/24/2288

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/06/2025 10:21 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Park Centre 60 Park Road Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 8ET

Proposal: Refurbishment and upgrade of the existing buildings including window replacement, new roof insulation, structural alterations. New extension on both sides of the existing main building. New Bin at front, new bike storage at the side with landscaping at the rear with a new storage shed. (amended plans 22/05 and description 27/05)

Case Officer: Andrew Horrell

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Address: 6 Upper St Johns Road Burgess Hill

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am writing as the occupant of 6 Upper St Johns Road, a property directly adjacent to the Park Centre. I wish to formally object to the planning application to refurbish and expand the Park Centre, as I believe it will have a significantly detrimental impact on my home and the surrounding residential area. My objections are outlined below.

1. Parking and Traffic Concerns

According to the submitted plans, the Park Centre will be able to accommodate up to 334 occupants at any one time. This is an extremely high number for such a location and raises serious concerns about parking availability, particularly given the existing lack of sufficient parking in the neighbourhood.

While I acknowledge that some parking exists on nearby roads, these are already heavily congested during the working week due to a lack of available alternatives. Increasing the capacity of this facility without significantly increasing on-site parking provision will only worsen this situation. The six parking spaces proposed are wholly inadequate for the anticipated number of visitors and will inevitably lead to further disruption and potential safety hazards for local residents.

2. Noise Disturbance

I am deeply concerned about the increased noise that will result from both the construction phase and the day-to-day operation of the expanded centre.

Firstly, two garden areas are proposed directly behind my property. These outdoor spaces are likely to generate a continuous hum of activity throughout the day, particularly given the anticipated number of children using them. This will substantially undermine the peace and quiet currently enjoyed in my home and garden.

Secondly, no details have been provided regarding the duration or intensity of the construction works. This lack of information adds to the anxiety surrounding potential disruption.

Furthermore, the overall scale of the centre and the proposed external areas will result in significant operational noise. The outside spaces will encourage high levels of activity immediately adjacent to my boundary, which is likely to cause frequent disturbances. Children, by their nature, may not be mindful of their volume or behaviour, and the close proximity of these areas to my home amplifies this concern.

It is disappointing that no consideration appears to have been given to mitigating these effects, for example, by moving the integrated flower beds and seating forward and installing a hedge or barrier between the new garden areas and my boundary. A natural screen such as this could help absorb some of the sound and reduce noise pollution in my garden.

3. Loss of Privacy and Security Risks

The proposed outdoor garden areas and the current design of the building also present serious concerns regarding privacy and security. My garden is already overlooked by the upper floor of the Park Centre, which features multiple large windows with no blinds or curtains. As a result, anyone in these rooms can see directly into my garden and even into the living areas of my home.

Placing new garden areas directly next to my boundary will only increase the sense of intrusion. I am particularly concerned that individuals may be able to look over or even climb over the fence, posing a genuine security risk.

While I object to the placement of these gardens, I strongly urge that if the development proceeds, measures be taken to protect residents privacy and security. This should include the installation of a taller fence or mature trees to act as a barrier, and the fitting of curtains or blinds on all upper-floor windows to reduce direct lines of sight into my property.

4. Overdevelopment of the Site

In addition to concerns raised in the initial application by other residents, I object to the proposed construction of a timber and cladding storage shed. At 2.5 metres high and 3.1 metres long, this structure will rise well above the current fence line and significantly impact the natural light in my garden. Its size and placement are not appropriate for a location so closely bordered by residential gardens and will further diminish the enjoyment of my outdoor space.

More broadly, I believe the overall scale of the proposal represents overdevelopment. While I have no objection to the proposed aesthetic improvements, the scale and intensity of the expansion are entirely inappropriate for a quiet residential street. The size of the building, increased occupancy, and associated structures will dominate the surrounding homes and infringe upon the residential character of the area.

Additionally, aside from the timber shed, I am concerned that the general expansion of the building will further reduce the already limited natural light available in my garden and impact the reasonable enjoyment of my home.

Conclusion

In summary, I object to the proposed refurbishment and expansion of the Park Centre on the grounds of:

- Insufficient parking provision
 - Increased noise pollution
 - Loss of privacy and potential security risks
 - Overdevelopment of the site
-

While I appreciate the need to modernise community facilities, the current scale and intensity of the proposal are unsuitable for this location. I urge the planning authority to give these objections careful consideration in the interest of preserving the quality of life for residents on Upper St Johns Road.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kind regards