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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

REFUSAL

REFERENCE: DM/25/1243

DESCRIPTION: RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING FOR FRONT FENCE

LOCATION: 16 HURST ROAD, HASSOCKS, WEST SUSSEX, BN6 9NJ

DECISION DATE: 2 JUL 2025

CASE OFFICER: TRACIE AXFORD - TRACIE.AXFORD@MIDSUSSEX.GOV.UK

The Council hereby notify you that they **REFUSE** to permit the above development as shown in the submitted application and plans.

The reasons for the Council's decision are:-

1. Due to its size, design and appearance, the fence constitutes an overbearing feature which is out of keeping with the character of the area and has a detrimental effect upon the street scene. Sited along the front boundary of the dwelling, adjacent to the public highway, it is considered an incongruent feature which negatively impacts upon the appearance of the area as well as causing harm to its distinctive character. The proposal therefore conflicts with policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan, policy 9 of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan, the Mid Sussex Design Guide SPD and the NPPF.

INFORMATIVES

1. In accordance with Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (General Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner, clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, thereby allowing the Applicant the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied as part of a revised scheme. The Local Planning Authority is willing to provide pre-application advice and advise on the best course of action in respect of any future application for a revised development.

Human Rights Implications

The planning application has been considered in light of statute and case law and any interference with an individual's human rights is considered to be proportionate to the aims sought to be realised.

Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application

The following plans and documents were considered when making the above decision:

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Submitted Date
Proposed Floor and Elevations Plan	PL 1		13.05.2025
Location and Block Plan	PL 1		13.05.2025



Ann Biggs
Assistant Director Planning and Sustainable Economy

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APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Notes for Applicants

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

As this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a householder application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of this notice.

However, if

- (i) this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice; or
- (ii) an enforcement notice is subsequently served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within:
 - 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or
 - within 6 months (12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.

If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.uk](#).

