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Sent: 13 August 2026 10:21
To: Susan Dubberley
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1870

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/08/2026 10:21 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Francis Court Borers Arms Road Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3LQ
Proposal:	Amendment of the northern site boundary approved under planning permission DM/23/2360, comprising the removal of the existing boundary wall and the installation of a new boundary treatment, together with all associated works.
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	The Corners Church Road Copthorne
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The proposal is to demolish a high brick boundary wall which has been a part of Copthorne's environment since the late 1800s.

It formerly surrounded Bank Farm, the home of Mary ('Lady') Maynard who with her husband was responsible for some locally significant Arts and Crafts structures such as the Golf Club house (now demolished), the very interesting service areas of Bank Farm (now partially demolished), the boundary walls along the Village 'Green' opposite the school extending along Newtown, the interesting properties called The Corners ('Lady' Maynards's former summer house)_and Weir Cottage (her vastly extended two-up-two-down 'party house'), and Banks Farm house itself, a curiously extended Victorian Villa (lately demolished to make way for the old 'new carehome', itself now gone.

The version of the carehome now under construction sits behind this wall, which helps hide the building's very large bulk and anchors the building in its village historical context, linking the development to the rounded end of the former Bank Farm stables block which looks over the road.

The previous care home construction work unfortunately demolished the very tall right hand gate pillar in the wall facing north to allow concrete truck deliveries, and in my view this should be reinstated replicating the remaining left pillar, rather than demolishing the rest of the structure.

I feel that replacement of the brick wall would expose the full looming height of the new structure which, while pleasant enough, has no matching context nearby, and the proposed iron railings themselves are sited much closer to the care home building's wall than would be hoped in the 'park-like' environment they presumably hope to achieve.

The care home residents might find traffic noise would become more of a problem.

There is not enough space to inset the proposed railing to give a wider footway. A recent accident by the wall in question put a local couple into hospital (vehicles disobey the speed limit at that point).

Kind regards