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To: "Andy Watt" <andy.watt@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 17/07/2025 8:15 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Prince Albert Copthorne Bank Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3QX
Proposal:	Sever existing land to retain existing public house use and area of pub garden and erect a convenience store and 4 no. apartments with associated works, including alterations to the existing vehicular access and car park (Amended plans and retail justification received 1 May 2025) (Updated drainage, ecology and landscaping information received 26 June 2025)
Case Officer:	Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address: 17 Oak Close Copthorne Copthorne

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	When we look at our village and what it requires, an additional convenience store is certainly not on the list. We have 2 family owned/run stores and a small Morrisons local which could sustain most persons within the village - failing this we have access to Crawley by both personal/public transport to fulfil all our shopping

needs. By adding a chain convenience store (particularly next to a newly refurbished family owned shop) you are not supporting local businesses and removing more village character which we are seeing time after time. There is no need for additional housing, we have had an entire village bolted onto the side of Copthorne with the construction of Heathy Wood with many unfulfilled promises (schools, doctors surgeries etc.) adding additional strain to local infrastructure. There are houses for sale across the area and seemingly no major shortage. The parking and delivery routes will not be practical and the roads around the area are already dangerous with tight corners, blind spots and high throughput traffic - additional cars, deliveries etc are just going to make this worse (particularly near an area where local people are complaining their children are endangered on their walk to school by poor traffic management). I also fear the environmental impact, more green space removed from a country village, more traffic further reducing air quality, more waste polluting the area. As a local of Copthorne, I see no need for this build and completely oppose it.

Kind regards