

**Sarah Valentine**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 December 2024 12:07  
**To:** planninginfo  
**Subject:** Objection to Refurbishment of Park Centre from Neighbour

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To: Andrew Horrell, Mid Sussex Planning Department

Application No: DM/24/2288

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 and bike storage at front and a new covered outdoor area at the rear and landscaping.

Location: Park Centre, 60 Park Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex

20th December 2024

Dear Mr Horrell

I am writing with regard to the above planning application for extensive refurbishment and extensions to the Park Centre in Burgess Hill. For your information, I live in the adjacent first floor property at 2 Upper St. John's Road, to the west side of the Park Centre.

Whilst I understand that the refurbishment of the Park Centre - which has been empty and unused for several years - is a good thing, I wish to strongly object to the extension being proposed for the west side of the building.

I believe that this will seriously encroach on the light reaching my first floor apartment and garden, which is already impacted by the original building quite significantly. My property is at a much lower level than the Park Centre, which already towers over my apartment and blocks out light for a large proportion of the day.

The attached pictures 7.8 and 7.9, taken from your archaeological report, show the extremely close proximity of the current Park Centre to my property. The proposed extension goes right up to the fence and will therefore be oppressively and overbearingly close. The third picture, Fig 12, clearly shows from above how the sunlight will be completely blocked from reaching my property if the west side extension is built.

The building of a two-storey extension right up to the boundary fence will result in 'significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook', to quote one of your objection criteria. The height of the proposed extension will be higher than my whole building. In effect, the building of this extension will result in the rear of my property becoming a virtual alleyway, rather than a usable and enjoyable outside space for myself and my family.

This would clearly be detrimental to our wellbeing.

I also feel that the increased use of the building and its close proximity to my property will result in 'significantly increased noise and disturbance'. I do not feel that you have shown sufficient regard to the impact on either of the apartments at 2 Upper St. John's Road.

The Park Centre is a large building which has never been fully utilised in the time that I have lived next door to it (2 years). I would suggest that refurbishment of the existing building, without the extension to the west, will provide sufficient space for a much-needed community building.

If you should wish to visit my property to see for yourself the impact the extension would have, then I would be happy to facilitate this.

Yours sincerely  
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Plate 7.8: View of concrete path and area to the western side of the building where localised pad foundation and landscaping (paving) works are proposed (looking north)



Plate 7.9: View of concrete path and area to the western side of the building where localised pad foundation and landscaping (paving) works are proposed (looking south)



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