

Andrew Horrell

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Sent: 21 December 2024 14:12
To: Andrew Horrell
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 21/12/2024 2:11 PM.

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 and bike storage at front and a new covered outdoor area at the rear and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Andrew Horrell

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Customer Details

Address:	Flat 1 2 Upper St John's Road Burgess Hill
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	1 / 3 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 ground 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 ground floor apartment, 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 (14 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.

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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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Kind regards