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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1631

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/07/2025 12:40 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	33 Dukes Road Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 2JQ
Proposal:	Proposed two storey building to be erected around the existing swimming pool with dormer windows to SW elevation and roof light windows to the NE elevation
Case Officer:	Andrew Horrell

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Alma Road Lindfield
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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	8 ALMA ROAD LINDFIELD WEST SUSSEX RH16 2HW 15 July 2025
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Dear Sirs

Application No: DM/25/1631

Proposal: Proposed two two-storey building to be erected around the existing swimming pool with dormer windows to the SW elevation and roof lights to the NE Elevation.

Location: 33 Dukes Road, Lindfield, Haywards Heath West Sussex

We refer to the planning application for a proposed two-storey building around the existing swimming pool and have reviewed the drawings. In principle, there is no objection to the proposed building. The lack of neighbourly communication is disappointing. However, the drawings lack details to give the proposed development complete approval, and the reservations are commented upon below.

Increased Noise and Disturbance

8 Alma Road has been inhabited for over 30 years by the current occupants. The current open swimming pool had limited usage by the previous owner of the property; thus, the use of machinery to clean and heat (if it was) was limited and resulted in minimal noise disturbance to be heard in our garden.

An indoor swimming pool is different. Maintaining an indoor pool requires different equipment because the environment must be carefully controlled. The machinery is essential to ensure proper conditions and prevent potential issues, namely by managing humidity, heating and ventilation. Additionally, there is a potential usage of the facility for 365 days and not the previous limited use of an outdoor pool.

The positioning of the equipment to maintain the proper environment is not indicated on the drawing so it is reasonable to ascertain it will be outside the proposed structure and likely to be on the Southwest and Northeast sides on the proposed structure, which means 8 Alma Road and Pipers will be exposed to the greatest noise level disturbance. The equipment site needs to be relocated to the other Southeast aspect, as it only affects the garden space.

These factors mean the potential noise level and disturbance from the equipment to maintain a proper environment, and the location of the equipment needs to be addressed and finalised before any planning permission is granted.

Windows.

From the drawings, five windows in the Study seem to be excessive, and the small window which overlooks 8 Alma Road seems to have little benefit to the lighting of the room and therefore, needs to be removed.

Building Works and Deliveries

Alma Road is a single-carriage way, a pedestrian highway and a dead end. Access for the residents and the Lindfield Telephone Exchange is somewhat regularly challenging with delivery vans, cars exploring the road amongst others on occasions, especially having difficulty turning at the end of the road. Building works and deliveries of all sizes always add to problems for access for the residents, as they potentially block the road. This requires vehicles

to reverse onto the High Street to allow exit or access on occasions. All generations, including school children, use it as a pedestrian highway.

Planning permission needs to stipulate that all deliveries and vehicles of tradesmen, and waste removal, should be channelled through the front of 33 Dukes Road, and vans should also park in Dukes Road.

Summary

As stated in the opening paragraph, in principle, there are no objections to the proposed development, and we will happily work proactively with the developer. But ask that consideration is given to our concerns regarding to the changes in the noise level and disturbance that such a change to an enclosed pool will create. Clear documentation regarding the proposed equipment and location should be added to the planning application and along with clear instructions to minimise the disruption of the proposed development to the residents and the local environment. Only when the above points are adequately addressed should planning permission be granted.

Yours faithfully

Kind regards