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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@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 09/09/2025 5:53 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	5 Orchard Lane Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8QE
Proposal:	Conversion and first floor extension of existing 2/3 bedroom bungalow to 4 bedroom house, demolition of existing rear conservatory, erection of a single storey extension, partial conversion of garage into utility, remodelling of existing bungalow roof to accommodate bedrooms, solar panels and associated landscaping. (Amended description 01.09.2025)
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	1, Orchard Lane Hassocks
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We live next door-but-one to the applicants, in the first of the three bungalows of which number 5 is the last. We have happily lived here for seven years. We are fully in support of these plans as Orchard Lane is a great location in Hassocks and architecturally I feel the bungalows, as

they stand, are not particularly beautiful, nor functional for modern living.

The remaining houses further up the lane are all of very different styles / ages and are all two stories. The many houses to the rear of us are also all two stories so there is a precedent of the higher ridge height in the immediate area. I understand from the plans they have kept the ridge height to a minimum, viable height.

We really love the design, it's far more attractive than what is currently there and in our opinion aesthetically improves this section of what is a lovely lane. This can only increase Hassock's appeal to a wide range of existing and prospective residents, showing that we, as a large village, are moving with the times and supporting architectural advances. Whilst we absolutely love Hassocks, it is a bit of an 'ugly duckling' compared to our neighbours, Ditchling and Hurstpierpoint, and I'd love to see us 'hold our own' through thoughtful, innovative, modern design.

Hassocks is increasingly drawing a new demographic of younger professional families which brings more money to our local businesses, and the design reflects the growing need for more substantial, functional and attractive properties.

Other properties along the lane benefit from elevated views across the park and to the Downs and it has always felt to us a shame that ours do not. This design will afford the applicants better views of our beautiful location which is a wonderful thing.

The applicants have been incredibly mindful and considerate about the design, choosing high quality architects and seeking wider professional consultation and we have no doubt they will continue to be as thoughtful throughout the build.

We are fully in support and excited by their design.

Kind regards