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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1165

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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 25/08/2025 5:54 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Budgens Worthing Road Southwater West Sussex RH13 9HE
Proposal:	Erection of two external condenser units. (Retrospective).
Case Officer:	Steve Astles

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Customer Details

Address:	Flat 1 Walnut Court Andrews Lane Southwater

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I have objected to the installation of these condensing units since their installation in August 2024 and continue to object. I note from this retrospective planning application by Mr Shingadia that he refers to the date as being 01/07/2025. This is misleading and factually incorrect as the units were installed in the first week of August 2024. [redacted]

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My home is a ground floor flat. It has an open plan living room, dining room and kitchen and in that room there is one single window with one quarter light opener. This is the only direct external ventilation to the 3 in 1 room. In the Noise Impact Report the window is referred to as NSR1. However, the report is incorrect in that it says the window is a sealed unit and cannot be opened. This is a critical error into the report and renders it both misleading and factually incorrect. The window is less than 5 metres from the condensing units and with the window open, the intrusion from noise is not only significant in terms of the sound level, but also in terms of the impact on the quality of life to me and my family. The report is also factually incorrect regarding the statement that the window is for a living room. As stated above it is an open plan living room, dining room and kitchen.

My partner and I also work from home once a week each, on different days, and the ability to be able to work without distraction and interference from the noise is impossible. The window either has to remain shut, meaning there is no direct airflow in the room which in summer months can be unbearably hot and stuffy and not a good environment to work, or we have to work through it. However, the type of noise is particularly anxiety provoking for long periods which makes impacts our work.

I have two children [redacted] both who are in secondary school. The noise is such that studying in the dining room is impossible to do so constructively with the window open.

Having a family meal together is also adversely affected by the constant noise intrusion from the condensing units, unless the window is closed.

Watching TV means having to turn the volume up or close the window to avoid the constant noise intrusion from units.

I note the Block Plans submitted by the applicant are dated 09/06/2020 and therefore conveniently do not show the building containing the Flat where I now live. The building was constructed after 2020 and was completed in 2023. Therefore, these block plans would suggest to the reader that my home does not exist.

I note the applicant in his planning statement, says the condensing units were to replace previously approved units at the rear of the retail premises. There is no detail on the previous units and if they were there, it's likely these were years before dwellings were constructed in the location. From August 2023 to August 2024 there were no condensing units in operation at the location where the new condensing units have been installed.

The installation of these units has significantly affected the quality of life for both me and my family. I strongly object to this application.

I would also like to add that despite the enforcement notice being issued by Horsham District Council to the applicant to remove the condensing units in April 2025, the applicant has continued to operate the units 24/7, save for one week in July 2025. The applicant clearly has no regard for neighbours or the council enforcement notice.

Kind regards

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