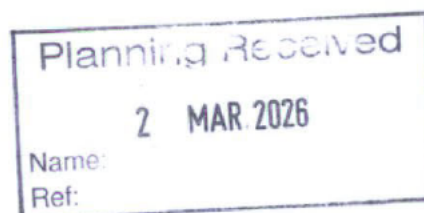


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Dear Sir

Re-Planning application DC/25/2017

Change of use Post Office Church Street West Chiltington RH12 2GB

I wish to highlight some important issues they may have been overlooked.

I am an elderly pensioner and long time resident of West Chiltington. [REDACTED]

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My local post office store was a lifeline. There was nothing else accessible within a mile or two.

The store provided-
Food and drink (including pet food)
Access to cash
Access to information re local health support
Access to face masks
Parcel pick up point
(this is in addition to the usual services provided by a post office e.g. bill paying stamps etc)

There is sporadic bus service and walking to the nearest other shop is a challenging 1 mile walk uphill and cross country. In winter the journey can be in the pitch black as there is no lighting. For many [REDACTED] it is impossible.

The post office serves a wide local community including the retirement homes located at Wheelwrights also in Church street. Indeed many chose to live in Wheelwrights because of the security of local amenities like this shop.

No one can predict when there might be an another national crisis or localised crisis but cutting off this existing lifeline seems short-sighted and foolish.

If not a post office there is huge potential as a commercial outlet as there is constant school traffic and would work well as a community cafe or bakery- allowing continued access to community leaflets/notices and information.

The property was bought as a house with shop attached and can be sold again as the same package at an appropriate price, but once change of use is approved there will be no going back,

Yours sincerely

Elderly resident
[REDACTED]