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Sent: 21 August 2026 19:25
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1237

Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/08/2026 7:25 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address:	Pengarth Nightingales West Chilmington Pulborough West Sussex RH20 2QT
Proposal:	Retention and alteration of existing decking.
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Cerne Cottage, Nightingales West Chilmington, Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	Re: Planning Application DC/26/1237 - Pengarth, Nightingales, West Chilmington - Retention and amendments to part of decking area I am the joint owner of Cerne Cottage, the neighbouring property to Pengarth. I am writing to express my full support for this application. I have no objection to it whatsoever. Like our property and I believe other properties in this part of Nightingales, the garden at Pengarth drops away significantly from the dwelling. A raised terrace/decking immediately outside the living accommodation is a natural and practical response to that change in level, and is what allows the garden to be properly used and enjoyed, rather than simply looked at from indoors. We have direct experience of this ourselves. Cerne Cottage has its own approved decking and it has caused no difficulty of any kind. I also note that the Council has also recently granted permission for a comparable raised

decking at the neighbouring property, Rosecroft (ref. DC/26/0873). Taken together with our own approved decking, in my opinion, it would be inconsistent and frankly unfair to treat the present proposal at Pengarth, which reduces the height of decking nearest the shared boundary below the permitted development threshold any less favourably. On the question of privacy specifically between our two properties, Cerne Cottage and Pengarth have long been separated by mature hedging along our shared boundary, which is maintained at a height of around 3 metres. In our particular case, it is the hedge that maintains privacy on both sides, not the fence beneath it, as without the hedge, due to the sloping nature of both properties the fence would be insufficient to maintain privacy on both sides. The hedge softens the boundary rather than creating a harsh, boxed-in effect. Without it, there would likely be a real loss of privacy in both properties, between Pengarth's sitting room, lounge and garden and our own kitchen and garden. This has worked well for both households for a long time. For all these reasons, I have no concerns about this application and give it my full support.

Where did you
hear about this
application?

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Kind regards

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