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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/1416
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 16/10/2024 5:05 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	14 Beechings Henfield West Sussex BN5 9XB
Proposal:	Conversion of a shipping container into a residential annex and construction of decking (Part-retrospective).
Case Officer:	Bethan Tinning

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Customer Details

Address:	Buckwish Farm Buckwish Lane Henfield West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Other - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to object to the planning application DC/24/1416 for converting a shipping container into a residential annexe and constructing decking at 14 Beechings, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9XB. Firstly, the proposed plan seriously compromises the residents' privacy at numbers 15 and 16 Beechings and impacts the privacy

of Bridge House.

The container's position on a bank, with its base level with the first floor of the neighbouring houses, elevates it, which means it overlooks their gardens and living spaces, which is a significant invasion of privacy. Even with the proposed screening, it would still be intrusive and block natural light.

Additionally, the container and its screening will significantly reduce the natural light reaching the neighbouring properties, especially their outdoor areas. This overshadowing will negatively affect the residents' quality of life by limiting their access to sunlight, essential for health and well-being.

There are also serious questions about whether the container meets building regulations. It's installed on unstable ground with no proper foundations, posing a real risk of collapsing and sliding down the bank towards numbers 14 and 15. The concrete retaining wall is already cracking and leaning just a few months after being put in.

Moreover, the container is old, damaged, and showing signs of corrosion, making it highly unsuitable for conversion into a residential annexe. Shipping containers generally have issues with condensation and poor ventilation, leading to unhealthy living conditions.

Lastly, the container's industrial look doesn't match the design and appearance of the surrounding buildings. It's out of character with the neighbourhood and could significantly detract from the area's visual appeal. Approving this could set a precedent for similar applications, changing the neighbourhood's character.

I strongly urge the planning authority to reject this application due to the significant impact the proposed development poses to the neighbouring residents' privacy, safety, and well-being.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Kind regards