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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/1535
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 03/11/2024 6:39 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	3 Hungerhill Cottages Coolham Road Coolham West Sussex RH13 8QE
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey side extension, new front store and oil tank relocated.
Case Officer:	Halima Chowdhury

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Customer Details

Address:	Highland Byre Hungerhill, Coolham Road Coolham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	We object only to the plans for the store. We have no objection to the side extension to the house (the main focus of the planning application). Neither do we object to the removal of the trees to allow relocation

of the existing oil tank. The area to be cleared is poorly maintained as it is. Nor do we onject to the relocation of the oil tank.

To reiterate, we object only to the plans for the store, for the reasons and explanation given below:
- It takes what little light coming from the west our garden has.
- It ruins the view we have onto our garden from the kitchen, dining room, and living room windows.

To better understand how substantial this loss would be to us, I need to explain the layout of our property, something the applicant would not realise, having not been inside our house or garden:
- We sit to the east side of the applicants driveway, and own the garage that the applicant's oil tank currently sits behind.
- Our house runs lengthways parallel to the applicant's driveway, with our three rooms (kitchen, dining room and living room) running in that order along its length.
- Our garden follows the line of the house, running between our house and the applicant's driveway. It is narrow, from our house to their driveway, although considerably wider.
- Almost all of our light, and all of our view, comes from the west, over the applicant's driveway, over their fence, and across our garden.
- The fence is lower in one section, from the current location of the oil tank for a few fence panels to where the applicant's large oak tree sits. After this the fence is a standard height as no light can get through/ past the oak tree anyway. When the applicant replaced the fence a few years ago, they asked if we wished to keep this section lower, and we agreed that we did, for the reasons explained above; this short section provides our entire light and view. They were happy to oblige.

We would be very happy to discuss the plans with the applicant, and look to reach an acceptable compromise. So far, since becoming aware of the application, we have not managed to catch up as both of us are away regularly. We very much wish to find a solution that protects and safeguards the light and views we currently enjoy from this small window out beyond our garden.

We do wonder why such a large store is required, seeing as the applicant already has a very large garage, used as a store for the applican't entire occupancy of the property. But nonetheless, we would be able to accept a store, of similar design and construction methods to that proposed, if reduced in length by approx 2m, ie. so as to extend no further than the end of our own garage.

Looking closer at the plans, it seems that there is also scope to a) move the oil tank nearer to the front of the applicants boundary, and b) move the store closer to the back of the oil tank. The store itself could then be moved 1-2m closer to the front of the property. We note too that a more modern metal retangular oil tank would

take up much less depth than the applicant's plastic drum tank.

We would expect that, with slightly more considered design of this sort, the applicant would still be able to achieve a store of the same or similar size to the current design, without breaking the line of the back of our own garage.

To conclude, we do not wish to prevent the applicant from developing their property. However, we do strongly object to the loss of privacy, light, and view associated with the current design, and equally strongly request that the committe recommend the design and location of the store is revised to better utilise the space available in the ways outlined above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to access my property to see for yourself,or if anything is not clear.
Thank you,
Best regards,

Kind regards