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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0649

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 18/05/2026 6:57 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Oakleigh Surgery High Street Partridge Green West Sussex RH13 8HX
Proposal:	Erection of a front and side extension with enlargement of roof and installation of rooflights, and associated alterations.
Case Officer:	No case officer assigned

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Customer Details

Address:	50 Oakwood Partridge Green
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I support the reopening and improvement of Oakleigh Surgery and appreciate the need to reconfigure the internal layout in order to provide additional space and modern medical facilities for the benefit of the local community. I therefore do not object in principle to the proposed redevelopment or the increased use of the building as a medical facility. However, I do have concerns regarding the proposed loft conversion and, in particular, the references within the Planning Statement to "dormer windows". The submitted proposed elevation and sections drawing (ref DWG No.: 726- PROP-04, Rev B: 25-03-26) appear to show three rooflights within the rear roof slope facing my property. However, the Planning Statement repeatedly refers throughout to "dormer windows" proposed as part of the loft conversion. The statement also refers at one point to dormers on the "front elevation", despite the submitted drawing (as referenced above) showing openings on the rear roof slope as well.

These are materially different forms of development with differing impacts in terms of appearance, scale, overlooking and residential amenity. I respectfully request clarification regarding exactly what form of development is proposed and that any permission granted is strictly limited to the submitted drawings.

The relationship between the surgery building and our property is unusually close, with the surgery located approximately 1 metre from our shared boundary. The rear roof slope of the surgery directly faces our house, private rear garden and rear-facing habitable room windows.

The proposed loft-level openings would introduce elevated views from roof space accommodation where none presently exist. The proposed windows would directly face habitable room windows within our property, including a [REDACTED] bedroom, a family bathroom and a spare room, in addition to overlooking our private rear garden. Given the limited separation distances involved and the elevated position of the proposed loft accommodation, I request that the Council carefully considers the impact on neighbouring privacy and residential amenity.

Whilst the rooflights shown on the submitted drawings would be less intrusive than dormer windows, I remain concerned by the repeated references to dormers throughout the Planning Statement and would ask the Council to ensure there is no ambiguity regarding what is actually being approved.

I would also note that the Planning Statement refers to the surgery occupying an "isolated location" with "adequate separation distances from neighbouring residential properties". In reality, the building sits in very close proximity to our boundary, and several of our neighbours, and also directly faces our home and garden. I therefore respectfully disagree that the site can reasonably be described as isolated in relation to neighbouring residential amenity.

In particular, I would ask the Council to consider whether the proposal of installing dormer windows along the rear elevation is in accordance with Policy 33 (Development Principles) of the Horsham District Planning Framework, which seeks to ensure development does not cause unacceptable harm to neighbouring properties, specifically "...avoid unacceptable harm to the amenity of occupiers/users of nearby property and land, for example through overlooking or noise".

I would also request that consideration is given to appropriate conditions regarding glazing specification, opening restrictions and the prevention of any future rear-facing dormers or additional openings without further planning permission.

Kind regards

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