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Subject: Comments for Planning Application AWDM/1469/24

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/12/2024 2:02 PM from Mr Tim Wilson.

Application Summary

Address:	1 Furze Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BP
Proposal:	Retrospective application for detached annexe for dependant relative
Case Officer:	Jo Morin

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr Tim Wilson
Address:	The Pines Mill Lane, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 3DE

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	As a neighbour, I appreciate the intention behind the retrospective planning application for the detached annexe described as accommodation for a dependent relative. Providing suitable living arrangements for family members requiring care or support is an important consideration, and I fully understand the applicant's desire to meet such needs and the need to build an annexe before permission is granted. I am sorry to hear that the occupants of 1 Furze Road have ongoing care needs and are at a level that requires 24/7 support from a dependent relative. Knowing that the property has been adapted to accommodate

these ongoing requirements is reassuring.

As the annexe has already been constructed, the retrospective nature of this application limits the opportunity for meaningful public engagement. Planning processes are designed to ensure community input prior to construction, allowing for concerns or suggestions to be addressed before a project is completed. In this case, the lack of prior consultation reduces the opportunity for open discussion and consideration of its impact on the surrounding area.

The designation of the annexe for a dependent relative is, of course, an admirable purpose. However, it comes with specific conditions that typically require the annexe to remain functionally tied to the main dwelling and to accommodate individuals who are genuinely reliant on the primary household for care or support. These conditions help to ensure the annexe does not become a self-contained, independent dwelling. While I have no reason to doubt the applicant's intentions, the enforceability of such conditions in practice is a significant challenge.

I am also concerned that the restrictions tied to dependent-relative use are binding not only on the current owners but also on any future owners. This creates ongoing obligations that can be difficult to monitor or enforce, placing a burden on local authorities and potentially creating disputes if these conditions are not adhered to. The potential for the annexe to evolve into a separate dwelling over time, whether intentionally or unintentionally, further complicates its alignment with planning policies.

In conclusion, while I support the principle of providing accommodation for dependent relatives, I believe this application presents several practical and policy challenges. I would ask the council to carefully consider the enforceability of any conditions, as well as the restrictive implications for the current owners, before making a decision. My comments are offered with a view to balancing the applicant's needs with the importance of maintaining fair and consistent planning policies.

Kind regards