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Subject: Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0863/24

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/08/2024 10:43 AM from Miss Caroline Harrison.

Application Summary

Address:	118 Ham Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2QS
Proposal:	Change of use from small house in multiple occupation (Use class C4) to a large house in multiple occupation (7 bedrooms) (sui generis).
Case Officer:	Rebekah Hincke

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Customer Details

Name:	Miss Caroline Harrison
Address:	116 Ham Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 2QS

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	As the direct neighbour of this proposed development, I have grave concerns about increasing the size of this HMO in terms of the noise I have to tolerate, impact on my privacy and overall

ability to enjoy my home. I disagree with the planning application's accuracy that it will have no effect on neighbours, this is incorrect and I think their application is factually inaccurate. Contrary to the planning application's claims, having 6 or 7 people living next door does severely impact my privacy. I would be overlooked by 7 people. I do not think the current application is accurate as there do not currently appear to be 6 people living there as the application claims, the most people I have seen is 3 or 4, so to say it would make no difference is incorrect, it would be almost doubling the impact I already have. Currently, whilst the tenants are pleasant and likely very nice people, there is a near constant smell of cannabis and smoking from 118 garden coming in to my property from existing residents, and noise, and I am very concerned that increasing the size and adding a 7th person will only make this worse. Further, having this many people crammed into what was constructed as a 2 bedroom Victorian terrace family home (as my property is) will increase the already existing high noise levels and severely impact my ability to live peacefully in my own home. The noise is due to there already being too many people living in a too small space rather than any deliberate antisocial behaviour, it is unavoidable with so many people crammed together. Currently the back garden is unkempt and not looked after by the tenants, though the owner gets the lawn strimmed occasionally when it becomes too overgrown it is unsightly, and tenants use this as a place to smoke and chat as there is probably not enough space for communal living as the property stands currently. The front garden always has rubbish overflowing and is unkempt as there are too many people making rubbish for the existing bin collections, often this rubbish blows into my garden.
The tenants are nice enough but due to the number of people crammed in next door, there is often a lot of noise, and so many people living in a property of this size means I will be overlooked by 7 people which severely impacts my privacy. There is currently not enough parking spaces and often I cannot park outside of my home, having 7 people living next door will further impact this. Taking away the existing living room to turn it into another bedroom will mean that tenants do not have enough communal space so will be forced out into the garden more, increasing the noise, smoking and cannabis pollution coming into my home and lack of privacy. Furthermore I am concerned about the impact of building works - I work full time and from home on a Saturday morning as a psychotherapist, so I am concerned about the impact of building work noise on my therapy sessions and on my ability to rest. If the house is already big enough for 6 residents the only benefit of increasing the size of the dwelling I can see would be for profit rather than preserving the quality of the accommodation and quality of life of tenants and neighbours. I am therefore very concerned that this application is about making money at the expense of existing residents ability to enjoy their homes. My property is a family home, as are most of the homes in this road, there is simply not the infrastructure to support a large

HMO here so the planning application is inaccurate in this respect. The proposed plans would further reduce the value of my own property which I am concerned about and is very unfair give I have done so much work to turn my property into a beautiful and comfortable family home, only to have this ruined by these proposals which appear to be about financial benefit of those who do not live here. Of course the owner of 118 would not be happy if it was their neighbour proposing a large HMO next door. These proposals directly contravene my fundamental right to enjoyment of my home, and will severely impact my quality of life through noise, smoking, and cannabis pollution, reducing my privacy further, loss of general amenities and parking, reducing the value of my home, and is an over development of the property, so I must object. I wish to be kept informed of the developments of this application. Thank you.

Kind regards