

Comment for planning application 19/02888/F

Application Number	19/02888/F
Location	Kirtlington Post Office Stores 1 Troy Lane Kirtlington OX5 3HA
Proposal	Change of Use of Shop to Residential, alternations to front window and two new roof lights.
Case Officer	Shona King
Organisation Name	
Name	Tony Summerfield
Address	Garden Cottage,Troy Lane,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3HA
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am writing in support of the above application and I am detailing my reasoning below. My wife and I have lived in Kirtlington for 32 years and have been next door neighbours of the applicant Ms Rachel Simpson for nearly 17 years when they purchased the Post Office Stores in July 2003. I am also pleased to inform you that I have been working in the shop on a part time basis so that I have been fully aware of the difficulties the shop has been facing in the last few years. These trading problems have been exacerbated in the last 12 months by two factors. Firstly Amier Khogli (Rachel's husband) suffered a severe illness in May last year (2019) and was hospitalised until last November. Now he is still very restricted in his activities and he can take no active role in shop, Consequently Rachel has had to look after her husband, look after three children and also run the shop and Post Office. Secondly if that was not difficult enough a local Co-op was opened in Bletchington in September 2019. This has had a catastrophic effect on the Kirtlington shop and has put added strain upon Rachel. I understand the takings are now considerably down on previous years making trading significantly demanding. They have been excellent neighbours and we can completley understand them wishing to take this step. It would have been impossible to foretell the problems that has beset them in the last 12 months.</p>
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