

# Comment for planning application 19/02888/F

<b>Application Number</b>	19/02888/F
<b>Location</b>	Kirtlington Post Office Stores 1 Troy Lane Kirtlington OX5 3HA
<b>Proposal</b>	Change of Use of Shop to Residential, alternations to front window and two new roof lights.
<b>Case Officer</b>	Shona King
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Celia Hawkesworth
<b>Address</b>	Woodbine Cottage, Troy Lane, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HA
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Support
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>A local shop is an enormous asset to a small village like ours. It increases the value of all properties in the village and provides an invaluable service to those less able to shop on-line or hop in their car to go to the supermarket. But it cannot possibly survive unless people use it. The present owners of Kirtlington Post Office Stores have tried various different ways of encouraging customers in - spending time making great home-made food on top of all their other duties. But the shop has been losing money for several years and it is simply no longer possible for the owners to continue to subsidise the village. The building, which is the family's home, is too large and in need of too much investment to make it a viable proposition for purchase by the village. It is therefore, with the utmost sadness, that I, and my husband, believe that it is only right that the owners should have the opportunity to maximise the potential value of the building by converting it into a dwelling. We know how much effort they have made to try to keep the shop going and how much they regret depriving the village of such an important asset, but without regular, consistent support from the village, particularly now that a Co-op has opened in the neighbouring village of Bletchingdon, they have reached the end of the road.</p>
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