

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	Paul & Joanna Clifford
Address	Michaelmas Cottage,3 South End Cottages,Bletchingdon Road,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3HF
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>While regretting the loss of the village shop in Kirtlington in principle, we support the application to change the use of the current building to residential. The shop is not financially viable and has not been for some considerable time. We understand that it has only kept going until now through third-party financial subvention which is not sustainable. The advent last autumn of the Co-op store in Bletchingdon, only a mile away, with its greater space, wider range of products and lower prices, has drawn away casual trade, and Bletchingdon residents who frequented the Kirtlington shop in the past no longer do so. Kirtlington badly needs new housing and even though a single residence seems a modest enough addition, this should be seen in the context of only ten new houses having been built in the village over the last decade and four of the five most recent applications for new developments having been refused. This change needs to happen.</p>
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