

# 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>	Jane
<b>Address</b>	The Stables, Mill Lane, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HW
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Support
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I would like to support this application. The premises are perfectly suited to reverting to a private dwelling. All the services are already connected to the property with no attendant risk to Biodiversity, Flood risk, parking or sewerage problems. From the outside of this pretty building it is quite obvious that if it was to revert to a private home it would blend in perfectly with adjacent properties. Much has been said about the value of having a shop in the village but the plain truth is that it cannot be made to pay. With the advent of the recently opened Co-op in Bletchington, the footfall in the shop has fallen by 60%. This is already on top of desperately poor trading conditions. It is very sad indeed for those villagers that occasionally use the shop but it is no longer economic. Tiny village shops like ours in Kirtlington just cannot compete with supermarkets, chain groceries or online retailers. The owners have done absolutely everything within their power to make the shop viable and attractive to customers, trying hard to offer services, a coffee/ tea shop, home baked delicious food, and much unpaid work, all to no avail. The sad truth is that 'our ' village shop is doomed to the fate of many other lost village amenities such as butchers, libraries, dairies and bakers. Allowing it to once more become a cottage is the only sensible course.</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	