

# Comment for planning application 21/00369/F

<b>Application Number</b>	21/00369/F
<b>Location</b>	Kirtlington Post Office Stores 1 Troy Lane Kirtlington OX5 3HA
<b>Proposal</b>	Change of use of shop to residential, alterations to rear of property, alterations to front window and two new roof lights (Re-submission of 19/02888/F)
<b>Case Officer</b>	Shona King
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	David Grimshaw
<b>Type of Comment</b>	The Old Granary,Vicarage Farm,Lince Lane,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3JY
<b>Type</b>	Support
<b>Comments</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam, Re Kirtlington Post Office Stores - Planning application - 21/00369/F I am writing to support the above application - to convert what was the village shop and post office into a residential property. I have lived in Kirtlington for about 20 years. Prior to that I lived in the adjacent village of Bletchington. My career has essentially been as a GP practice partner in North-East Oxfordshire, so perhaps have a reasonable experience of local matters in all kinds of differing contexts, and have also been responsible for running what is essentially a local business. I worked as a volunteer in the Kirtlington Village Stores (shop/post office) towards the end of the 2019 and into early 2020 before it closed. The shifts were extremely quiet. Based on the activity I observed, I could not easily see how the shop/post-office could possibly run as a viable commercial business based on the levels of sales at that point. I am also aware of the hard work and assorted initiatives the current owners had gone to over the preceding years to try to increase support and income. I am aware that a Co-Operative store had opened in the adjacent village of Bletchington (which we can, and do, easily walk to) in the relatively recent past, which is well-stocked and reasonably priced. In my view, and based on my observations and experience, it's opening clearly presented a new and very significant local competition to the activity and viability of Kirtlington Post Office Stores. Yours faithfully, Dr David Grimshaw BM BCh (Oxon) FRCGP</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	