

Comment for planning application 21/00369/F

Application Number	21/00369/F
Location	Kirtlington Post Office Stores 1 Troy Lane Kirtlington OX5 3HA
Proposal	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)
Case Officer	Shona King
Organisation Name	Steven Rice
Address	The Old Coach House, Church Lane, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HJ
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I fully support this change-of-usage application. In my opinion (and my 30+ years background in retail is relevant- Asda, Boots amongst others)- the Kirtlington village store would no longer be viable, for the following reasons; -A new Co-op store has opened in nearby Bletchington. Kirtlington village store simply cannot compete on range (due to size of store) or price (due to Co-op's mass buying). And for those living at the Bletchington end of the village, the Kirtlington store is barely more convenient either. -Covid lockdown has meant a lot more people have mastered on-line shopping, taking trade more away from the village store. -A Sainsbury's store at Upper Heyford has also opened, to further exacerbate the issue. Failure to grant change-of-usage permission will inevitably see an empty shop front in the village, which is not ideal. Far better to accept things have changed, and therefore permit conversion from retail to residential. Yours, Steve Rice</p>
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