

Comment for planning application 21/00369/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="21/00369/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Kirtlington Post Office Stores 1 Troy Lane Kirtlington OX5 3HA"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Shona King"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="John Strange"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Village House,2 Pound Close,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3JR"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="My wife and I have lived in Kirtlington for over 27 years and throughout that time we have significantly supported the Village Shop throughout both of the last two owners' occupation. In recent years it has become increasingly apparent that, despite their very best efforts, it has become extremely difficult (if not impossible?) to run it as a commercially viable operation financially. The challenges have increased further by the opening of the Co-op shop in Bletchingdon and last year a Sainsbury's Express shop in Upper Heyford. It should be noted that both of these are part of large conglomerates and not independent. Additionally, partly as a result of Covid, people's shopping habits have (and continue) to change with primarily on-line ordering and delivery. I therefore believe it highly unlikely that anyone would buy the property and run it as a village shop. Thus it seems to make sense to us, that the proposal to change the shop to a domestic property would make the best use of the facility and, in the circumstances, enhance the village (as opposed to it remaining as at present for goodness knows how long in the hopes of selling it as a shop). Therefore, although with much sadness, we wish to support the application by the current owners. JOHN and JO STRANGE"/>
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Attachments	