

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="Derek Hayes"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="31 Oxford Road,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3HD"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="This village once contained 2 Shops, 2 Public Houses, a Dairy, Butchers, separate Post Office and a Garage (dispensing fuel, servicing, repairs and sundry items!) Other items were available from outside delivery agents, including bread, fruit and vegetables. Time, change of lifestyles and in some cases changing legislation, has caught up with several! The village has expanded, but with that expansion comes an era of greater freedom for employment, travel and choice. Whilst sad to see most of the afore mentioned disappear, they did so because their business became untenable, losing out in many cases to the lure of cheaper alternatives within short distances. The age of the internet has arrived and that brings with it the ability for online shopping with delivery to suit various circumstances! Living across the road from the village shop it was apparent that the footfall had decreased dramatically! The building, not originally designed for retail, could not compete with one in the next village that had been. Even a revamp of the available space and stock failed to entice enough viable custom, the lure from a purposely designed building, for the co-op, with room for aisles of chiller and freezer cabinets, shelving for numerous cheaper products, space and even a delivery service to this village had seen a decline in footfall and signalled the death knell for our shop! For all the reasons given I support the current owners in their efforts to convert to residential purposes. Derek Hayes"/>
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