

# Comments for Planning Application DC/24/1181/P3MPA2

## Application Summary

Application Number: DC/24/1181/P3MPA2

Address: 51 High Street Haverhill Suffolk CB9 8AH

Proposal: Prior approval application under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - change of use from commercial, business and service (class E) of upper floor to dwelling (Class C3) to create one residential unit

Case Officer: Savannah Cobbold

## Customer Details

Name: Mr John Taylor

Address: 98 Balsham Road, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4LW

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Other
- Plan queries

Comment: To put this simply, it will not be big enough and the only access I believe is the rear of the shop. The fire exit is there. That building was built for commercial use, and designed just for that use. I can tell you it used to be a small space up there just for children's shoes. It's well below living standards, I don't know whether anything is legally up for residential purposes due to the space.

It might be ok as a small flat if that space goes towards the front of the shop. The issues with fire evacuation are a serious issue. Also current stairs are wood which would burn in a fire that will block the one fire escape route. Also, a new wall which would have to be built would also pass the bottom of the residential stairs. So that could be another issue. - still legal?

I understand there's all these empty commercial units, but a large number were not built for that purpose or would be safe to. I also believe these could be last resort housing which could affect the downstairs shop area. All I'm thinking is everybody's safety and clearly it's not.