



Vigo Parish Council

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Mrs Sharon Sahota
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17th August 2023

Dear Mrs Sahota,

Re: Application number 20230781
Change of use from Commercial, Business & Service to Class E to Dwellinghouse Class C3
8 The Bay, Vigo, Kent. DA13 0TD

Vigo Parish Council would **object** to the above application for the following reasons:

- The "eligibility criteria" section of the application form (in reference to permitted development) states that the building is NOT in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This is not the case and is factually incorrect.
- We are concerned that any change of use to this unit would set a precedent which could culminate in further retail units being subject to a change of use. We would note that 7 of the 8 units are currently let and used for commercial retail purposes.
- We have been contacted by a number of residents who are also concerned about this proposal. We have encouraged them to comment directly on the application so that you are aware of their comments.
- We believe that a ground floor property in this location would not be in keeping with the area and would be detrimental to the street scene. At present the design of the area works well with residential properties on the first floor, retail on the ground floor and parking for cars at the rear.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information from us.

Yours sincerely



Clerk, for and on behalf of Vigo Parish Council.