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We would like to comment on the application for the demolition of the existing building and erection of 16 retirement dwellings.

We at The Midhurst Society are concerned with maintaining and enhancing the architectural heritage of our town whilst providing appropriate housing, jobs and infrastructure appropriate for modern living.

We recognise the need for more light industrial units, but for whatever reason this building has been empty for many years and has become an eyesore and an embarrassment. If commercial organisations do not want it, it is eminently sensible to consider alternative uses. This site is convenient for shops, bus stops and other amenities and is ideal for retirement homes. There are other sites in Midhurst that can be used for light industrial units and starter homes.

We are encouraged by the local credentials of the applicant. This is not an outsider who sees an opportunity for short-term profit with no long-term commitment to the town.

The artist's impression of the development suggests that when completed the building will fit well with its surroundings. Whilst we do not have the technical expertise to comment on the detail, we would like in principle to offer our support for the application.