

Cover letter to support the application for the installation of 5 triple glazed windows to 11 Wheelwrights Close, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9TA.

To whom it may concern.

Please find below additional information to support the planning application.

11 Wheelwrights Close is in very close proximity to the A27. This has been recognised by Highways England (to be known as National Highways) and as such noise surveys in this area were undertaken. As a result of the noise survey the offer, to properties in this area, was made to upgrade current windows to triple glazed to reduce noise within residential properties. This itself identifies that noise levels are excessive and that triple glazed windows are needed. In addition to the normal traffic noise there is the further sources of noise created by emergency vehicles when approaching, and between, roundabouts. This is compounded by road rage events by travelling public.

Constant noise throughout the day, and night, does have an affect on sleep and in turn mental wellbeing.

Further to the above, as the triple glazed windows provide a better seal, these windows will provide a more effective protection against pollution created by the very high traffic count in this area. Due to excessive traffic and the very high congestion levels, traffic is often stood with engines running or speeding away from the roundabouts on the A27. Evidence of pollution can be found on window sills and ledges. As Mrs McNeil suffers with chest infections and pneumonia this is a high priority for this property.

Due to the rising cost of electricity and gas the new triple glazed window will provide better energy performance thus reducing the amount of energy used and the costs associated with running the property. This also has benefits for the environment as it will cut down on the use of fossil fuels and reduce the carbon footprint of the property. This then has a benefit to everybody.

A property within the estate already has this type of window installed. The windows are of same appearance as current windows, and will be manufactured using the same materials and will be finished with the colour to match all existing windows on the estate.

This can be construed as preventative maintenance as these windows will be in place for another 20 years without the need to maintain.

When these properties were built there was no consideration with regard to maintenance. The bedroom bay window cannot be maintained without a major scaffold construction. Even when these properties were built there was a requirement to design out risk (CDM regulations) and as such they should be easy to maintain. The bedroom window is on the second floor at an approximate height of 27 feet (approx. 9m) with no external access.

If you require any further information or assistance on any of the above please contact me using the information provided within the application.

Kind regards

Kevin and Mandy McNeil