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Dear Sirs

Proposed Balcony at 5 The Old Slipway, River Rd, Arundel

I am the owner of 2 The Old Slipway, River Rd. This is the ground floor flat with the only terrace looking onto the river. I object to the planning application for the following reasons:

1. Loss of Privacy. This balcony will be directly above our terrace, on the second floor. This would significantly inhibit the enjoyment of our terrace by directly overlooking us. Although there is a small element of overlooking from the window that is there currently, by increasing the size and opening together with the physical structure of the steel balcony, the issue for being overlooked is greatly increased. There is a huge difference between someone looking out of a window and someone physically being on a balcony immediately above our terrace.
2. Detrimental effect upon the Character and Appearance of the Building from my terrace and the river. This elevation is clearly visible from my terrace and the river and by removing the existing window and a portion of the wall below cill level, installing inward opening French doors, and adding a steel balcony, it would detract from the character and appearance of the building and that of the Arundel Conservation area. It would also be overbearing having a steel structure at that height.
3. A previous application for a Juliet balcony was rejected and one reason was that it would create an unbalanced appearance on that elevation. In the Design and Access Statement it states that a future matching application for flat Number 6 counters this. I disagree and feel that two changes such as this will only serve to multiply the detraction from the character and appearance of the building. Two such

insensitive changes would not be protecting or enhancing the visual amenities and environment of the area. It would also increase the lack of privacy to my terrace.

4. A balcony was approved with regard to application AB/101/19/HH and this application completely passed me by. However, I was away with work a lot last year and out of the country for several months at a time. Obviously I would have responded had it come to my attention.

John Reeves