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Subject: Riversong AB/72/20/HH

Dear Zac,

Re: Riversong, Arundel
Ref: AB/72/20/HH

I have tried to contact you several times and emailed last Thursday, unfortunately I have been unable to reach you. I understand you called yesterday afternoon whilst I was at a meeting, however I have not been able to get through since then either.

My call was in reference to the comments made by the Arun District Conservation Area Advisory Panel, in relation to the above application.

In response to the objections made, we would like to make the following comments:

- An application was made in 2013 for 19A River Road, to extend the balcony by 900mm towards the river wall. The Conservation area advisory committee made no objection and the application was approved AB/87/13/ (Although the works were never completed).
The officers report comments that as the balcony reflected the style and materials of the other balconies in this terrace row, it therefore is considered that the changes would not deviate to the detriment of the character and appearance of the neighbouring properties.
In regards to this application, the existing balconies are no longer present and as such the proposed balcony has no style/materiality to match in with. We consider that the new balcony would set precedent, with regards to style and materiality, for the other houses in the terrace, should they replace their balconies. It's likely the owners of 19A and 19B will take the opportunity to bring their balconies up to current building regulations, and therefore would also differ from the previous design.

- Need for high quality. The balcony that was removed was very low quality with a basic steel structure with industrial looking spiral staircase and basic tiles and metal hand rail. The proposed balcony will be of high quality steel / stainless steel, with teak effect wooden floor and wooden side panels. This is far more fitting and sympathetic with Arundel's warehouse / port history which was constructed of steel and wood (piles).
- Although the dwelling forms part of a terrace of houses of similar size and design, they all have unique element. All three houses have different size patios, and had different design metalwork on the balconies that were removed, the balconies also varied in colour and finishes (19C was brown, 19B was grey and 19A's was black. 19C's balcony incorporated an external spiral staircase, whereas the other two did not. In regard to the windows, the size of the rear ground floor windows/doors varies, with 19A having sliding doors similar to those proposed. All three houses have slightly different style windows, with 19C differing to the other two, featuring glazing bars.
- The width of the proposed balcony is the same as the old balcony. The length is slightly bigger by 735cm. When looking directly at the rear of the building (from the houses opposite, the river and permissive foot path, which is very rarely used), this extra length will not stand out to an excess degree. It should also be noted that the balcony will be a very similar size and colour to the one on the Boat House (listed building) so will better reflect the style and materiality of this building.
- The proposed colour reflects that used on The Boathouse and the new build town houses directly opposite in the Beven Bevan & Co yard, which very closely reflect the design of 19A, B and C. This colour would be more consistently with the three town houses in the Bevan Bevan Yard as well as the boathouse in the surrounding context.
- We consider that the proposed colour, quality and size of the balcony would better reflect the and compliment the Boat House.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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