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From: The Orangery Collection [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Test

Good Morning Juan & Andrew,

Please find below my objection to the plans AB/75/20/PL. AB/76/20/PL

Thank you Kind Regards Lolita Lee

55A Apartment 3 High St Arundel West Sussex BN18 PAJ

My late Father was a renowned mechanical musical instrument and vintage vehicle expert and is remembered as such at Beaulieu Motor Museum. He taught me the value of items of historic interest ' you are never the owner of such items only the custodian and have a care of duty to preserve and maintain this item whilst it is in your possession."

55a, 55b, 55-57 and 57a High St was built as a single construction but now has different door numbers on the entrances. The property should be treated with the love and care it deserves and ensure it is in a good state of repair ready to hand onto the next custodian and the following generation. This imposing Georgian building has been here a long time and enjoyed the view of the castle and the castle the view of the building.

Mr Meredith does not reside in Arundel and has no respect for this building and without warning to the residents or any permission from the Listed buildings department or Arun District Council viewed himself above the law and smashed an opening at ground level in the communal area of 55a under the listed cantilevered staircase. This act was carried out on the 28th May 2020 but I note that on the planning portal application document Part 4, it incorrectly states that works began 20th June 2020 which is a blatant untruth.

Additionally box 6 is incorrect as a partial demolish of an internal wall that contained 2 layers of bricks occurred, with no structural engineers report undertaken where all the evidence suggests that those bricks had been present since 1962. The application and works are negligent in that they do not specify what compensating structural support has been or should be added.

The demolition was not carried out in a controlled fashion, the Listed building shock as Mr Meredith drilled and smashed down the wall during the Covid lockdown in a matter of hours. It should be noted that I have already provided evidence of the thickness of the bricks that were removed and recordings of the same. The application ticks all the boxes in part 8, yet the works continue daily, a total abuse of the planning process.

Mr Meredith claims to have sealed up the new doorway entrance when completing the conversion of the flats at 55 and 57 High Street during 2012, but the planning department have discovered that a doorway had existed only prior to 1962 when a planning application was submitted and approved for the opening to be bricked up. Obviously, given that the Natwest Bank deed plans from 1999 and subsequent dilapidations report in 2014 show no doorway, Mr Meredith claims can be proven to be false. Residents of this building before the conversion also testify to the fact that no prior doorway existed [REDACTED]

It should be noted in Part 14 that the sewer mains is struggling with over intensive use. Any further strain will likely require investment into a sustainable solution of sewage removal and drainage.

Additionally, Mr Rogers, the applicant's agent has submitted a ground floor plan that claims to be 1:500 scale. A similar size plan was provided by Victoria Holland under AB/48/17/PL which is actually a scale of 1:100. It should be noted that the space surrounding the annex is probably only 1 metre wide. Therefore I doubt the total plot size calculation is correct. This dwelling 3/4s surrounded by high walls almost within touching distance and directly overlooked by 8 dwellings ; which would make for a joyless setting concluding an unequivocal over intensive use of this site.

As part of my objection, I would also like to quote the applicant's Mr Meredith's own objection to AB/48/17/PL dated 12th May 2017 (bold and underline added) where he himself considers what are now his own plans and intentions as disastrous:

"I am the owner of 6, 57 High Street, Arundel and I would like to complain against the application of AB/48/17/PL on the basis that it would be a **disaster to the building which is designed to have ground**

floor commercial and should stay this way. If any more space is given to residential on this building it would have major issues with noise.”

It has already been submitted to the planning department that part 2 of the CIL form has been incorrectly completed in direct contradiction to condition 2 of AB/49/17/L and condition 3 of AB/48/17/PL. The primary reason of condition 3 of AB48/17/PL was over intensive use of this site, that was the case in 2017 and continues to be the case of today’s date but still the works march on without approval.

Lastly part 12, I would ask the Council to obtain the answer re Mr Meredith’s application on whether the real interest is the proposed sell of his other property ‘The Secret House’ which he is presently marketing for sale. Since his unauthorised demolition to create a new entrance to the rear of the property, a new undeclared access to ‘The Secret House’ is now possible from the High Street.

I would urge the council to reject this planning application and insist that the doorway be sealed as before. To permit unauthorised works sends a signal that anyone who has a duty of care to a historic building can smash through a wall and then apply for retrospective planning permission and get away with it without any consequences especially when they know perfectly well the law in this regard. Indeed the same act was attempted recently on the other side of the building by the Freeholder on 15th June 2020. The confidence that derives from the ongoing works despite an undecided decision is shocking and if left unchallenged sets a new standard for the council.

On Fri, 31 Jul 2020 at 09:51, Andrew Wood <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk> wrote:

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