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Amber

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Regards

Simon

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From: **simon chapman** [REDACTED]  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2020, 10:42  
Subject: Serious Complaint Planning objection AL 14 20 HH  
To: [REDACTED], Neil Crowther [REDACTED]

I wish to object to this application for the following reasons

I also refer you to my e mail of 24th August 2018

1. The property is owned by a commercial property development company. Francis Elliott Properties Ltd. The owner of this company has a long history of abuse of planning laws and imposed planning conditions.
2. The application makes no reference to the previous site applications all being retrospective ones.
3. The original storage barn was converted to residential accommodation without permission. A retrospective application for this and a new car port was granted. The conditions stipulated that the car port was for vehicles only. It never had a car in it but was immediately converted to residential accommodation. Many objectors at the time predicted this would happen.
4. The approval at the time stated no further building on the site could be built without permission. The owner ignored this condition and went on to build the second car port, the subject of this application
5. A further retrospective application in 2018 AL 49 18 gave approval for this then illegal build. A condition stated it was to only be used for domestic vehicle storage. It has never been used to store vehicles only builders materials and other items. At the time I objected and predicted it would in the future be turned into residential accommodation
6. This application is very unclear as to its proposed future use. Garage or studio, these are totally different uses and have considerably different commercial values. Who fits glass bi fold doors to a Garage. Only a commercial property developer hoping to get future financial gain. The use of this property as a studio will effect my privacy as it faces my property directly.
7. The bi fold doors are to be fitted central to the current opening. This will restrict the buildings use to one vehicle rather than two. Clearly the door is being fitted to utilise the building as a residential studio in the future. Reducing a car port from two vehicles to one would destroy value unless it is to be used for residential use which will add considerable value.
8. The application states it will benefit me as a neighbour. I refute this. It will enclose the car port even further and prevent its use for vehicle storage. It will ensure that the property developers two commercial vehicles plus other vehicles continue to be parked on their narrow drive directly opposite my property. They park a van daily six inches from the picket fence opposite my front door effecting my privacy. Rather than using the car port which was approved retrospectively for domestic vehicle storage.
9. Without doubt given the proven history of this property developer, this application will be a further step forward in changing the use to full residential. The site is already very over developed and lacks enough off street parking. The car port if empty, allows for vehicles to be turned on the drive. Enclosing the front will prevent this for ever. This means that the owners will always have to reverse out of their drive crossing my right of way and causing a highway hazard.

10. The council have a duty of care to all residents. This developer has for some reason had all abuses of planning retrospectively approved by the council despite all objections and predictions. The council continue to support this property developer who is adding significant value to their company through illegal building. Something is going seriously wrong with the planning laws and the councils approval process.

I am copying this objection to Neil Crowther head of planning and the CEO of Arun District Council so that they are both aware again, of my objections and can hopefully ensure the application is declined based upon past abuse by the company owner.

I look forward to hearing directly from you on this complaint

Regards

Simon chapman

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