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Sent: 21 May 2020 21:23

To: Amber Willard <Amber.Willard@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: planning application AL/23/20/HH

Dear Amber,

I understand your the case officer for Planning Application AL/23/20/HH. I have submitted a Objection online with the planning portal but as I have only recently discovered the application and I know the closure date for comments is quite close I wanted to also email my comments to avoid missing the deadline as I know in the current climate there could be extenuating circumstances that may get in the way.

With respect to planning application AL/23/20/HH Innisfree 26 Belle Meade Close I would like to register an OBJECTION to the submitted application.

The Bungalow at this address was not constructed to its approved plans [AL/11/91 & AL/60/94] and as such on the 12th May 1995 Enforcement Action for demolition of the building under delegated powers was authorised by ARUN Planning and housing as it the Bungalow significantly impeded upon the privacy of our property as built (your ref LG/SJL – copy can be provided if required)

In order to negate the demolition order it was agreed that the boundary fence between our properties would be increased [AL/46/95] to minimise the impact of Bungalow overlooking the bedrooms of Reed Cottage and impinging upon our privacy. As both Reed Cottage and 26 Belle Meade are both Bungalows their close proximity to each other on the north boundary was tolerable with this mitigation.

The Plans as submitted primarily change the property at 26 Belle Meade Close from a Bungalow (with mitigating fencing to protect our privacy) to a large two story house with significant views over our property impinging upon our internal privacy (primarily bedroom areas) and enjoyment of our gardens. The plans as submitted have a fair amount of artistic licence showing foliage and distorting the closeness of the property to our boundary and the significant impact the conversion to a house will have to our right to privacy from being overlooked if the plans are agreed as is. Given the proximity of the Bungalow to the boundary its existing roofline is significantly higher than that of Reed Cottage as the footings were built higher, which exacerbated the initial privacy concerns as the property, was looking down into our bedroom windows, the proposed changes to the roofline will dwarf our Bungalow and will make privacy almost impossible.

We would welcome a visit from a planning officer (obviously we will follow any social distancing protocols) so that a clear opinion can be gained from the impact to our privacy, both internally and externally without relying on a potentially biased site plan.

Whilst I do not feel this Objection is unreasonable I can understand why 26 Belle Meade Close would want to improve their property, all that I ask is that the plans are sympathetic with the constraints of a Bungalow which will enable us to continue to enjoy some privacy given the proximity of my property and my families privacy.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Collingridge.