



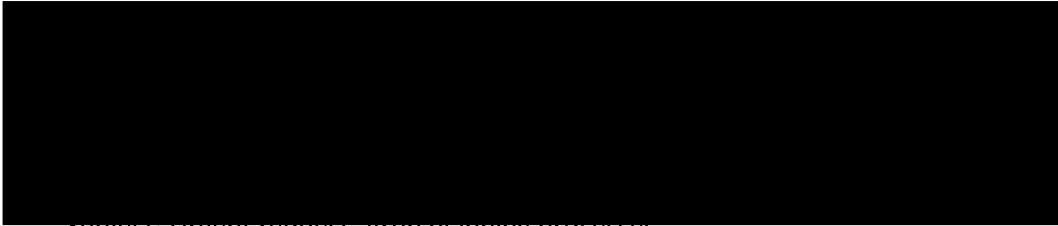
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Subject: Urgent request, Arun planning processes

Dear Mr Crowther

Ref: AL/23/20/HH

I would like to raise a concern that due processes are not being followed during these exceptional times with regards to planning applications and would like to invite you to review the referenced application prior to a decision being published by your team. Unfortunately there is some urgently required as the decision is due to be published by the 3rd July (Friday).

I am the owner of the adjoining property and raised a concern that due to the proximity of the properties the proposed height increase requested to the roofline will have a significant impact to my property and on my families right to enjoyment of the property which is very important to us. After logging my concern, revised plans were submitted which I assume were as a result of a discussion between your planning officer and the Architects as one of my phone photos were included in the revised plans. The revision resulted in the removal of an overlooking dormer window but did nothing to address my concerns over the raised roofline which continues to remain a major concern as we are a single storey property.

I spoke to the planning officer this week and was told that there would be a “de facto” approval given as a result of this minor change to the application. I absolutely disagree with this statement and given that no site visit has taken place, this can only be subjective opinion and not fact.

At this point in time, due to the Covid restrictions no site visit has been undertaken to either property to assess the proposal, the only data available for decision making would have been the submitted plans and a few iPhone photos provided by myself (as you will know the perspective from a short focal Camera lens is not accurate).

After a further discussion today I was informed that a planning assessment as to whether the impact to our property will be significant, which is an arbitrary threshold, could be made without a site visit as all data is available. This I believe is untrue.

In order to address my concerns and ensure that due process has been followed, before a final decision is made I am requesting that a review is undertaken as to whether appropriate process has been followed during the current crisis and that a further balanced report can be drafted. I have raised email concerns that the proposal does breach a number of items in the Arun district plan in sections DDM4 and DDM1 which I feel could not be assessed without a site visit.

In addition I have been advised that the previous destruction order to the property and prior rejected permission for a house on this plot will not be considered. I believe that the history should reinforce the need for fuller oversight and review in light of the restricted abilities of your team during this time.

I hope that you will ensure that proper process is followed before a decision is made that will have a major impact on the rights of my family.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Collingridge