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Subject: Land West of Fontwell Avenue AL/52/19/DOC

To all members of the Planning Department.

The letter copied below was sent to you (and others) on 24th June. At that time we were unaware that any representation or objection could be made on AL/52/19/DOC as there were no yellow notices displayed and the application was named differently to all others we had encountered previously.

However, we have since observed, that objections have been placed on this web site from Aldingbourne Parish Council and a later brief comment from ourselves, sent more in hope than anticipation. We would like to know therefore:-

If objections are allowed,

1. Why was our misconception in the letter not corrected?
2. Why were there no yellow notices displayed?
3. Why was this letter not entered onto the website?

(It clearly refers to an 'objection'.)

If objections are not allowed,

Why have other objections been allowed?

As this letter was also sent to the Planning Officer concerned, he should have been aware of it anyway, when he made his decision.

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To all members of the Planning Department.

In Application AL/52/19/DOC we notice that Mr. Duggin has applied for,

Part 5 of The Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under AL/116/18/PL relating to conditions 6-schedule of materials & finishes, 7-landscape scheme, 8-screen walls and/or fence details, 12-details for secure bicycle storage & 13-details for storage of domestic rubbish & recycling. Land West Of Fontwell Avenue, Eastergate.

We know that this is not a Planning Application which we can make objections to, however this email serves to explain the decision we have made, which is recorded at the end of this email.

For a long time now (two and a half years) we have complained that Mr. Duggin (and other members of his family) have been living on site, pretending to build a house whilst continuing other businesses, without erecting a screen wall between our property and his land, which would be normal building practice. We had hoped that at some point, the Council would require that this situation was remedied and/or that the informative condition below would be implemented.

AL/121/16

No development above damp proof course (DPC) level shall take place until details of screen walls and/or fences have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority and no dwellings shall be occupied until such screen walls and/or fences associated with them have been erected. Reason: In the interests of amenity in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

INFORMATIVE: It is requested that consideration be given to raising/improving the existing boundary to Westfield House in order to protect their privacy. Details of such improvements should be submitted with the plot boundary treatments required by the above condition.

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INFORMATIVE: It is requested that consideration be given to raising/improving the existing boundary to Westfield House in order to protect their privacy. Details of such improvements should be submitted with the plot boundary treatments required by the above condition.

It is clear from the plan submitted, that this is not going to be the case, as the boundary between our land and his, is shown on the plan as an existing fence and no amendment is indicated.

This 'existing fence' is not acceptable as a permanent arrangement, any more than it has been acceptable during the last two and a half years while the site has been occupied and the Duggins have pretended to build a house.

Past experience would indicate that this plan will be given permission just like all the others have, and should the kit house ever be delivered and built, the fence would never be replaced by Mr. Duggin. There are other mistakes in the plan also. The large, diseased tree shown, was removed two years ago, at our expense and the front section of fence, has already been re-aligned and replaced by us.

Therefore, we have decided that we will have to replace some of the fence ourselves to give privacy, close to our conservatory windows. (The rest will have to wait until next year.)

We would not have done so, had the field still been a meadow. We should not have to, just because Mr. Duggin has decided to live on the land like a gypsy. We should not have to, because the Planning Department will not require him to do anything about it.

The cost of erecting a normal fence, like any other screening fence on a building site, is considerable. We are OAP's living on a fixed income so we do not have endless amounts of money to spend. We can wait no longer for a solution to our problem, so the fence will be erected by a contractor in early July. The invoice is copied below.

Such a large amount has to be found from somewhere. Therefore we have decided that we will not be able to pay our Council Tax for this year. The money we have, can only be spent once.

We understand that after due process, we will be taken to court for non- payment of Council Tax. At that point, we will have the opportunity to explain to a magistrate

why we have not paid. (Hopefully with some supporting evidence from the Ombudsman). Until then, we will of course continue to protest and complain. **This whole experience could and should have been avoidable.**

David and Susan Smith.