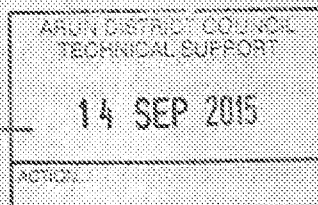


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The Assistant Director
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Planning application reference AW/181/15/HH

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to letters written by Mr. Greenwood in which he states his desire to ensure that the planning committee takes account of the accuracy of objections.

As a Marquis Way resident with a neighbouring property, I share Mr. Greenwood's concern that the information provided to ADC should be accurate, and therefore I must inform you of a number of statements in both of Mr. Greenwood's letters which are not. I feel that both you and the planning committee should be made aware of these before any recommendation is made.

Objections

1 In his letter to ADC dated 20th August, Mr. Greenwood has stated that the application *"has to date resulted in 10 households objecting"*, and that *"18 households, almost twice as many have not objected."*

This is inaccurate, since actually 14 households (exactly half the number of properties on the estate) had lodged objections by 6th August closing date, two weeks prior to his letter, all of which are on the ADC website and which represent the views of 27 residents.

The fact that the remaining households have not objected does not imply either their support for, or their objection to the application.

2 Mr. Greenwood's letters of support originate entirely from outside the Marquis Way estate – one from as far afield as Devon – and I submit that since the supporters do not live on Marquis Way, they are not affected by this application.

3 Mr. Greenwood states that only one director of the management company has objected. In fact two directors have lodged written objections. He also refers to *"another director, no. 17 who lives opposite"*, but in this he is mistaken, as the resident in question is not a director.

I was delighted to see that his letter included details of conditions requested by the management board, but would feel more reassured if he had stated that he has agreed to these.

State of repair

1 Mr. Greenwood's letter to ADC dated 1st August 2015 refers to the poor state of repair of his property which cost him nearly £800,000 in August 2013. In the intervening two years he has not undertaken remedial work to rectify this. Due to the seafront position of the property, one can only assume that over this period its condition has worsened. However I do not understand how this justifies the changes proposed.

2 Mr. Greenwood's letter also discusses his wish to better insulate the property, and cites the proposed cladding with insulating material underneath as the means of achieving this.

Considering that he intends to make major changes to the internal layout of the property, I submit that it would be more straightforward and significantly less costly to insulate from within rather than insulating beneath out-of-character cladding. Removal of the proposed cladding from his application would also remove many of the residents' objections.

Street scene and character of the Marquis Way Estate

1 Attached are eight photographs (taken in September 2015) of houses immediately nearby on Marquis Way. I trust that the planning committee will note the similarity between the character of the properties (all faced with either light or red brick) and the absence of any alterations such as cladding that would make them radically different in character.

The houses shown are the neighbouring properties of Mr. Greenwood's property – number 7 diagonally to the east, number 10 immediately to the east, number 12 immediately to the west, number 8 immediately opposite and number 16 diagonally opposite to the west. The image of number 11 has been included for clarity. Also included are images of numbers 7 and 8 together, and the street scene showing 7, 8, 16, 17 and 18.

I would be grateful if these photographs could be presented to the committee in colour, since the character of the properties is less well illustrated in monochrome images.

2 I submit that Mr. Greenwood's claims regarding properties elsewhere along the coast that do have cladding are not relevant, since those properties are not located on Marquis Way and therefore completely out of context, and that the proposed cladding would totally alter the street scene and character of the estate.

3 Should planning permission be granted, Mr. Greenwood will certainly be living elsewhere and will not be forced to experience any of the disturbance, noise and dirt that will undoubtedly result from the work. The remaining residents will have to endure this whilst work is under way.

As Marquis Way is a quiet residential cul-de-sac, may I request that ADC issue a notice under section 60 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974, imposing requirements as to the way in which the works are to be carried out and to limit the hours of work.

4 Mr. Greenwood states that *"From the start of the road between houses no. 7 and no. 16, to all the coastal houses, there is not one large tree or shrub ..."*. In fact there are at least eight, the height of which is restricted under covenant.

5 Mr. Greenwood's suggestion that the conclusion by the management company not to object due to insufficient numbers is not correct. The Board's decision was taken at a meeting on 15th July 2015, before any letters of objection had been lodged with ADC.

6 Number 22 was part of the original Martineau House school and was not built as part of Marquis Way estate, hence it is not the same as all the other houses. The director who lives at number 22 has objected to Mr. Greenwood's application.

7 Mr. Greenwood's reference to planning application AW/107/94 is not relevant, since the properties referred to are not part of the Marquis Way estate and were built by a different developer.

8 Mr. Greenwood makes the point that he is *"proposing materials and textures that DO MATCH those of the existing building."* One only has to look at the proposed light grey cladding to see that this is incorrect.

9 Many of the residents' objections to his application are based on the belief that by choosing cladding he is trying change the character of the estate by making his house different from other properties on Marquis Way.

Please understand that I am not against change, nor would I wish to prevent a neighbour from making reasonable alterations to their property, provided that the quality of life in Marquis Way can be retained, and that its character is not irrevocably damaged.

There have been many alterations and extensions on the rest of the estate over the years (mostly unopposed I believe), but all are in keeping with other homes.

I have the support of 13 other households, and I trust that you and the planning committee will take these comments into account and that this application will be rejected.

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of David Sutton.

David Sutton

