Janice Chapman

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Sent: 10 October 2014 16:42
To: Janice Chapman
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Subject: 53 Kingsway, Craigweil Estate

Dear Janice,

It was so good to talk to you on the phone the other day. We have now been on-line and have a much clearer understanding about the objections raised by neighbours.

We note that the Aldwick Parish Council and the Conservation Area Advisory Committee have no objection to the proposed alterations to 53 Kingsway, and that the Chairman of ChECAA has contested some of the objections on the grounds that they are not substantiated or are not planning issues.

We note, too, that objections were raised by the residents of 9 neighbouring properties. We think that the revised drawing and comments e-mailed to you by our Architect on 29th September will have satisfied some of the concerns, notably the front line building footprint, but not all. On these latter points we would like to make the following comments.

1) **Re: The notion that the existing house is 'already over-developed'**
A quick glance at Google maps will show that this is not the case if compared with other properties close by. No. 53 was built before many of the neighbouring properties and the addition of 2 bedrooms in the early 1960s to create a 5-bedroomed house was not considered an over-development at the time. The proposed new footprint at the back uses up currently existing 'wasted' space, created by a now unused oil tank for the defunct oil-fired central heating, and does not extend out as far as the current glasshouse at the back.

2) **Re: Anxiety at the 'potential' number of bedrooms**
We have planned the roof space as flexible accommodation. We need a painting studio with appropriate natural light and storage space for paintings. We also need to be able to accommodate our daughter and her family when they come over for short holidays from France. The 'Granny Annexe' accommodation must include more than just a bedroom, as my brother needs space for his extensive library of books and artefacts, which he treasures. There is absolutely no intention, now or in the future, to divide the house into two separate dwellings, nor to permit multiple occupancy, and we would be more than happy for this to be stated as a condition in any planning consent. Regarding the proposed conversion of the existing roof space into useable room space, we note that several of the houses in Wychwood Close already enjoy the benefit of roof lights, so this is not a precedent in Craigweil.

3) **Re: Anxiety at the 'potential need for permanent off-road parking for 4-5 cars'**
We do not envisage ever needing permanent off-road parking for more than two cars. A third space for visitors would reduce the amount of temporary off-road parking required. How to achieve this without the need for the constant reversing of one car to permit use of the second is currently under scrutiny.

We are naturally disappointed that it is necessary to go to the Development Planning Committee, since so many of the objections are based on unnecessary fear or are not planning issues and also as no objections were raised by the Aldwick Parish Council and the Conservation Area Advisory Committee. We sincerely hope that our comments will reassure our neighbours. We are planning to use high quality materials, in keeping with the existing, to restore 'Speedwell' to its former function as a lovely family home, whilst bringing it in line with the demands of the 21st century. We look forward to being able to address the Committee on 19th November and would be grateful to receive details of venue and timing nearer the date.

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We are so grateful to you for your help and advice.

With kind regards,

Barbara and Nigel Ingram

Dr. N. A. and Dr. E. B. Ingram

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