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RE: PLANNING APPLICATION AW/257/19/HH

65 Christchurch Crescent, West Mead, Aldwick

Side extension & redesign of Floor Plan

This Planning notice became only visible to neighbours on the evening of the 4th of October 2019 which only leaves three weeks for anyone to respond.

With ref. to the above application we would like to bring to your attention the following issues we have.

My husband and I had a side extension built in 2010 complete with all the appropriate permissions on the West side of our property (No. 67).

No. 65 has submitted the above planning permission and we presume also building regs.

But we would like to draw your attention to the first of our issues. When our extension was to be built we were informed although our neighbours (No.67A) garage was more than twelve feet away from our boundary line that our extension had to be a further metre from our side of the boundary line. We had to leave a distance of 1000mm from our side of the boundary line.

We were told in and is actually stated on our plans this was due to an impact upon planning permission and Building Regulations, Document B – Fire Safety, yet the planning permission that is sought for No. 65 takes their proposed extension right up to the east side of our boundary line between Nos. 65 and 67.

We would be very grateful if you could inform us to why we had to conform to this restriction and yet a neighbouring property is allowed to build right up to the east boundary line, especially as the proposed extension for No.65 is to be a kitchen.

I'm sure you will agree, this is far more a fire hazard than our extension that was built as a bedroom.

We would very much like an explanation to this situation or any advice you can provide.

Our other issues are around the extension if built to the boundary line regarding the soffits and guttering.

Along the rear of our back gardens is a line of very tall Pine trees which all have TPO's on them. When the slightest wind occurs we all suffer with a garden full of Pine Needles. Therefore this results in having to have our gutters cleaned out at least four times a year or the rain water overflows the guttering resulting in the walls of the property getting soaking wet. Of course on the other hand if no guttering is used our bungalow walls and garden would be completely soaked by a deluge of rain water from the close positioning of this proposed extension.

Whilst we welcome the refurbishment of No.65 our main concern is that the soffits and guttering of this extension should not come astride of the boundary line.

On the drawings this extension has a width of 3.61m, if this was taken back to 3m we are sure this would solve the problem and would take care of carrying out maintenance etc.

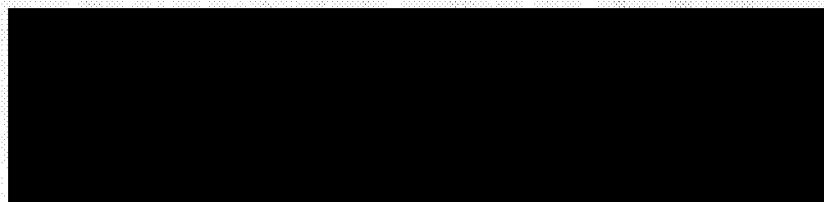
My wife and I have lived here for seventeen years. No. 65 has been a complete eyesore for all that time and more with a back garden full of overgrown trees preventing sunlight coming into our rear garden and the front garden with overgrown trees taller than the bungalows and roots from the trees lifting the driveway of No. 63 and lifting the tarmac on the public foot path. 'Just waiting to trip someone up'.

Some while ago we tried to speak to the owner of No.65 but he would not come to his front door so we sent polite letters but still without response. Our last option was to send photographs to the Environmental Officer who said our next step would be to pay Four

hundred pounds and if found in our favour they could not give any time constraint for the owner of No.65 to take the trees down. So what was the point of paying good money and no doubt a result of nothing to happening.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully



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