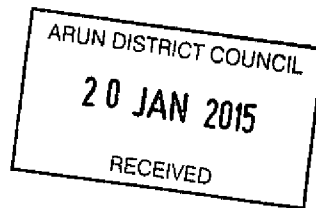


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19th January 2015



Mrs. J. Chapman
Planning Department
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
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Dear Mrs. Chapman

AW/312/14/HH

With regard to my above revised planning application that I understand the Council are happy with but nevertheless it is now going to full committee on the 25th February 2015.

I enclose copy letter dated 8th July 2014 sent to the Assistant Director, Planning and Economic Regeneration, and a copy letter of 19th January 2015 sent to Mr. & Mrs. Houghton.

Whilst I previously mentioned the dormer windows at No.39 which has three opening windows my other serious reasons for applying for planning, particularly with reference to the Car Port and as mentioned earlier but may not have been recorded are:-

- a. Stepping out from the side door, which is basically used as a front door, is dangerous as people leaving the house can step into the way of moving cars.
- b. The drive is too narrow to drive down, especially as there is a step by the door, particularly now that modern cars are so much wider today than the 60's.
- c. It is difficult to reverse in or out of the existing garage particularly as we are becoming less mobile with our advancing years.

Finally I understand there is a problem with the tree on the boundary adjacent my garage, if it would help matters we would be prepared to purchase another tree and have it planted in a more acceptable position.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Roger Smith.

Roger Smith

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19th January 2015

Mr. & Mrs. J. Houghton
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Houghton

I have noticed significant cracks in my garage wall adjoining your property. It would appear that you have taken it upon yourselves to fix trellis work to my garage wall and have planted numerous plants and shrubs on my boundary adjacent to the garage. Please remove this trellis work and make good the damage in a professional manner.

You also have a tree very close to the corner of the garage. I appreciate you have hacked off some of the lower branches but the height is restricting our light and the root network could be adversely affecting the garage foundations, my drive and the drains.

Whilst I appreciate that you have now removed all your trellis work from my fence and posts I have not yet been able to assess if there is any substantial damage but will advise you.

Please carry out these works within the next four weeks.

I will seek advice from a surveyor with regard to the cracks to the garage wall and advise you of the outcome.

Yours faithfully

R. Smith

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8th July 2014

Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration,
Arun District Council
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Dear Sirs

AW/80/14/HH 37 Kingsway, Aldwick and AW/338/07 39 Kingsway, Aldwick

Having read through Mr. J. Houghton's comments regarding my planning application (AW/80/14/HH) for the erection of a garage and conservatory, I was surprised and disappointed to read of his objections as he verbally agreed over approx. 1 year ago to this construction but had reservations to the proposed pitch roof to the garage, which I have now changed to a flat roof as agreed. One of the reasons for my application was to alleviate the overlooking aspect of the opening dormer windows at 39 Kingsway.

However, on looking on your web site I decided to check the plans and conditions for their property at 39 Kingsway. I was disgusted to find that they had not adhered to the specific decisions on the requirements/conditions for the extension and alterations to 39 Kingsway that would allow his planning permission to be approved, namely the requirement/condition concerning the upstairs dormer to the west side overlooking 37 Kingsway.

The Council and Craigweil Estates realised the detrimental impact this dormer would have on 37 Kingsway for the present and future owners. The Council made it very clear in their conditions – copy attached – that the dormer window overlooking 37 Kingsway would be fixed, non-opening and using obscure glass. Mr. Jeffrey Houghton and Mrs. Judith Houghton (nee Wood) have blatantly put three opening windows in and the glass is not particularly obscure.

The windows seem to be opened and closed at regular intervals – photo's attached. Shouting/rows in the bathroom are common practice and these can be heard in my kitchen and bedroom that this overbearing and over dominant dormer window overlooks. My drive leads directly to the kitchen door, which most people seem to think is my front door. Hence my planning application as I hope the garage and conservatory would alleviate this overbearing dominant dormer from my view.

Presumably they (Mr. J. Houghton and Mrs. J. Houghton) thought that the original owner, Mr. A. Allman, who was frail, was in no way able to object or bring it to the

Council's attention. Mr. Allman had quite happily lived there since 1979 and was subsequently taken into a Care Home, during these works.

They, the owners of 39 Kingsway, Mr. & Mrs. Houghton, presumably thought that they could carry out this work with no respect for a very elderly gentleman or the Council's regulations and conditions. They, Mr. & Mrs. J. Houghton, have acted with complete contempt of the Council's regulations and conditions or the surrounding neighbours, particularly 37 Kingsway.

Looking back this dormer had a considerable impact on Mr. Allman's family and finances, as they wanted to sell the property to help pay his care home fees. These windows obviously blighted 37 Kingsway as Mr. Allman's family had the property on the market to sell since early 2009 prior to my purchase in 2011. I would suggest that the Allman family seek compensation from Mr. Jeffrey Houghton and Mrs. Judith Houghton as they, the Allman family, have obviously had a significant financial loss in the sale of 37 Kingsway.

I would therefore ask the Council to accept this letter as my formal complaint and I trust the Council will take immediate action and insist that the dormer windows are now replaced with non-opening obscure glass as directed in planning application AW/338/07.

Yours faithfully

Roger Smith

Enclosures: Copy of AW/338/07 planning approval.
4 photographs of open overbearing and dominant windows.

Copies to: Craigweil Private Estates Limited – Mrs. T. Mould
Aldwick Parish Council – Councillor Mrs. G. Brown
Mr. Allman's family - Mr. S. Cousens
Mr. & Mrs. J. Houghton, 39 Kingsway