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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: AW/81/21/HH
Site Address: 2 Old Farm Close Aldwick PO21 4AX
Description of works: Two storey extension.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 9th April 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC35044

The proposed extension to 2 Old Farm Close is totally outwith the character of the current dwelling and the remainder of the homes in Old Farm Close. Whilst I sympathise with the owner's need for live-in care and her desire to have family living close-by, the scope of the development appears to be greatly in excess of what is fundamentally required to provide such care. The proposal for an extension comprising an additional five bedrooms in order to ensure care for the current occupant is preposterous. Offroad parking in Old Farm Close is already limited and the proposed demolition of a garage and potentially additional vehicles owned by the new occupants would stress the situation moreso. Access to Old Farm Close is via Barrack Lane which is a narrow and quiet road bordered by a narrow riparian brook on one side and hedgerow shrubs on the other. Interestingly, the owner of 2 Old Farm Close has already seen fit to remove a large section of hedgerow destroying habitat and damaging the appearance of the road. It is possible that this damage is presumptive of the planning application being granted such that construction vehicles can access the property from the rear. No consultation with other residents on Barrack Lane was sought by the owner prior to the hedgerow damage being perpetrated. Clearly the owner has a total disregard for the appearance of the area, the local environment and the quality of life of neighbours. As a resident I and the local area would be greatly affected by the submitted planning application throughout the building phase but also during the operation of 2 Old Farm Close as a nine bedroom dwelling. There is also a longer term concern relating to the development. Ultimately in the future, the house will be sold as a nine bedroom dwelling which would make it suitable as a permanent care home, HMO or a commercial building. Any of these would be detrimental to the appearance and desirability of the locality. In summary, I urge you to deny the application on the grounds that it is not in-keeping with the remaining properties in the immediate area and would be damaging to the quality of life of neighbours and their property investments.

Yours Sincerely, Dr.Robert Finney BA(Hons), PhD

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

PLEASE NOTE: Essential IT work will be carried out during the week of 12 April 2021 and there will be no access to the planning records on the website. It will not be possible to follow the progress of an application, view any documents or make on line comments. To ensure that no one is disadvantaged the publicity period will be extended by a week on planning applications where the publicity period falls over this week. The site notices and documentation will quote the extended date if this is applicable.

All aspects of planning, building control and local land charges will be limited during this week. If you do need to contact the case officer during this week you will need to be able to provide the exact reference number and as much detail as possible. The service will be extremely limited and it would be best to contact us either before 12 April, or after, when the work is completed on 19 April 2021.

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