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Thank you for bringing this decision to my attention.

I am disappointed but not surprised that Arun Planning sees fit, yet again, to not only permit development of commercial enterprises within residential areas but also to allow such developments to exceed government portal guidelines:

- Outbuildings and garages to be single storey with maximum eaves height of 2.5 metres and maximum overall height of four metres with a dual pitched roof or three metres for any other roof.
- Maximum height of 2.5 metres in the case of a building, enclosure or container within two metres of a boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse.

It is with some irony that I read some of the 'supporting' letters. One 'supporter' made a planning application not so long ago that was advertised as a "Change of use of existing garage to form specialist gym." I interpreted this outline as implying a single-story conversion of an existing structure for private use. I considered that it was a fair and non-intrusive request that would have minimal impact on my private domestic circumstances and, as such, I made no objection to the application.

As it later turned out, the development was a two-storey construction (against government guidelines but Arun DC have the power to over-ride), clearly visible by all neighbouring properties, not built in accordance with the published plans (visibly not in keeping with the surrounding properties) and is being run as a commercial enterprise. Ostensibly, it provides training facilities for individuals recovering from various forms of illness. Commendable as that may be, it is in the wrong place. In addition, should the enterprise fail, the building returns to domestic use by the owner. Ergo, the owner will have a two-storey annex for use as he/she sees fit. Neither you, nor I, could erect such a building, if we wished.

So may I conclude by reiterating that whilst I am, yet again, disappointed by Arun Planning, I am not surprised. It is what I have come to expect, but less, I think, than residents deserve.

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