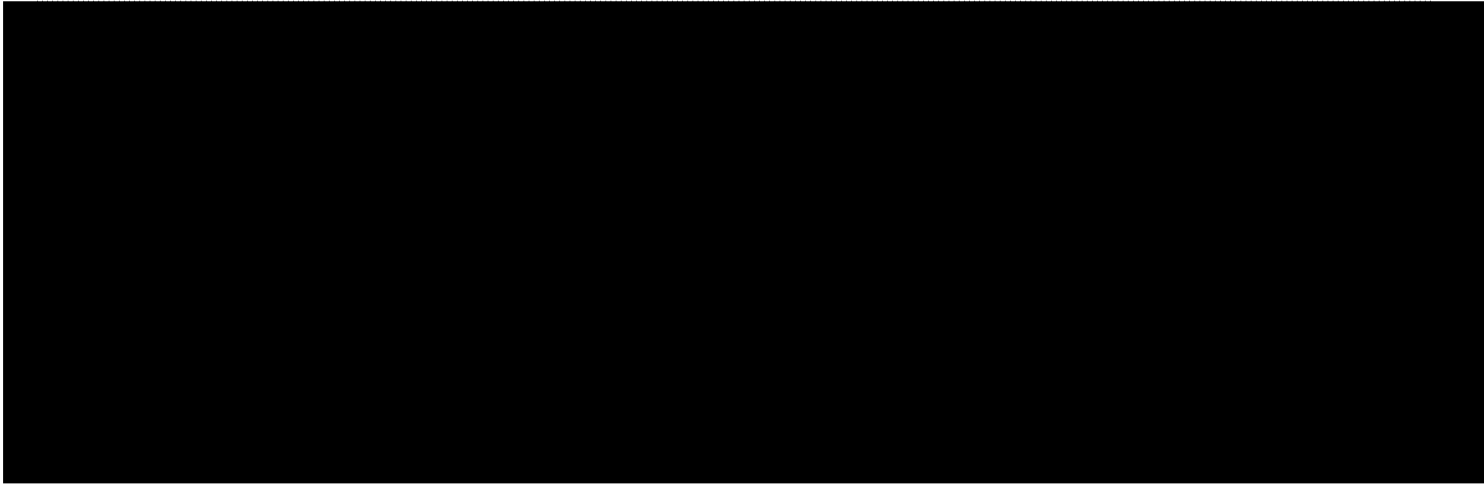


From: Charles Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 September 2019 08:25
To: Planning <Planning@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: BR/281/18/PL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with reference to the above planning application appeal.

We live at 95 Victoria Drive and share a long boundary with the property at 99 Victoria Drive and so will be heavily impacted by this development.

We still strongly object to the proposed development for the following reasons:

- loss of privacy. The proposed building would be larger in all dimensions and come far further back in the plot. This would totally overshadow the house and garden of 97 Victoria drive and also affect the enjoyment of our own property and garden. The windows and balconies would overlook both our house and garden, the addition of glass to the balcony to obstruct the view would not materially affect the actual or perceived loss of privacy for ourselves and many other properties too.
- Noise and disturbance. The proposal puts a car park where the back garden is. This would produce tremendous amounts of noise all through the day and night as people are coming and going.
- Highway traffic. The car park provision would not be sufficient. 3 2-bed flats and 6 1-bed flats could very easily add far more than 9 cars to Victoria Drive. The road already suffers with dozens of cars parked on the pavements obstructing pedestrians and also on the road restricting traffic flow. This is visible at all times though fluctuates during the day.
- Highway safety. Additional cars parking wherever they can will further block sight-lines for drivers pulling onto the road from their own property and for drivers using the road from other locations.

The area has many children and elderly people who would be put at increase risk simply by the additional traffic issues caused by the proposed development.

- Design, appearance and layout. The property is currently a good sized family home, something the area is in need of - shown by the fact the property was sold so quickly. However so many houses on the road have turned into flats or HMOs that there is now an over-supply of flats and an under-supply of houses. There is a large development of flats at the top of the road adjoining the roundabout which was completed to a high standard and reasonably priced that has sat vacant for well over a year.
- Impact on the appearance of the area. Is there no limit to how many family homes the council are willing to lose in order to simply increase dwelling numbers? The northern end of Victoria drive has seen a dramatic number of conversions and has suffered in appearance, litter, traffic as a result. The southern part seems far less affected.
- Effect on the level of daylight and privacy of existing property. 97 would be affected even more than we at 95 would be but the addition of a far larger property blocking much more of the sky would reduce the amount of light to our existing properties.

I am pleased the council refused the original application and thank them for taking on board the considerations of those who would be most affected by the proposal.

I can see no change to the application and so no reason to doubt that the council will stick to their previous decision.

Kind regards,
Charles Thomas