

Courtney Mills
23 ESSEX ROAD

BOGNOR REGIS
West Sussex
PO21 2BU

Your Ref: OWPC16923
Our Ref: BR/288/17/PL 24-10-2017
Please ask for:
Richard Temple

19th January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Rear extension to storage & workshop areas & roof extension
Main Unit Rear of Holmlea Town Cross Avenue Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th January 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I strongly oppose the planned extension to the property at the back of my residence. I believe that, in keeping with our previous experiences with the owners and workers at CW Bikes LTD it will be carried out with no regard to the quality of life, personal privacy of those that live in the surrounding area, or historical theme of the area

Additionally, the owner of the business has shown little regard for the Victorian nature of the surrounding properties, shortly after having moved in a beautiful Victorian wall that separated the gardens of those that live along Essex Road from the property in question was, without notice, destroyed and replaced with a highly unpleasant metal fence. Not only did this upset the residents, as the wall that had existed for at least a hundred years previous was in keeping with the historical theme of the area, but it provided little to no privacy against the workers at the company who, as I shall go into shortly have no regard, bordering on contempt for the residents of Essex Road. Furthermore, the works were carried out with no prior notice to those of us that live here, meaning no one was able to secure small animals or pets that may have been outside at the time, and it gave workers direct and illegal access to our gardens without our prior knowledge or consent.

Upon being confronted about the issues surrounding the installation of this new fence, and reckless destruction of a historically significant wall the owner of the property simply retorted with "Who cares anyway, it's only Polish that live down that road". Which, ignoring the highly racist undertones of such a comment belies his utter contempt and disregard for the people who call Essex Road their home. It is because of comments like this that I have no confidence that works will be carried out with respect and consideration for personal privacy.

With regard to the actual planned extension, and its ability to allow workers to peer into our gardens, once again previous experiences paint a bleak picture for what life would be like in Essex Road if the extension were approved. There is currently an ongoing series of complaints to the local council from those of us that have been unfortunate enough to have had unpleasant interactions with the workers at CW Bikes LTD. Speaking from experience I can say that they are loud, brash and offensive, they have taken multiple opportunities to make sexist remarks about my mother, who has been working in her garden. On one such occasion a worker was illegally removing branches from a neighbours tree that they claimed (incorrectly) was entering their property. My mother complained as branches were falling upon the plants in her vegetable garden, damaging them, to which the worker responded by licking his lips and kissing the air. A blatant attempt to intimidate my mother and make her uncomfortable. Shortly after he made derogatory comments about the vegetable garden, which were not only offensive, but indicated their inability to be trusted with having a direct line of sight into our properties.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of

any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

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 faithfully

Neil Crowther
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