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Your Ref: OWPC17291
Our Ref: CM/33/17/PL 17-12-2017
Please ask for:
Ross Leal

9th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Demolition of prefabricated former private school building & Mill Lodge residential unit; refurbishment of existing Mill to retain & refurbish existing dwelling & flats 1 & 2 (adjoining) with 2 No. additional dwellings; refurbishment of Mill Cottage & Mill Thatch (units 1 & 2) & erection of 1 No. new-build floating pond-house within feature pond. Departure from the Development Plan. This application also lies within the parish of Littlehampton & affects the setting of a Listed Building.

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 7th February 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

Objection to planning application CM/33/17/PL

Part three

I am afraid the idea that you are going to get meadow pipits to breed on the roof of the new house is just not going to happen. However they are right about the threat of dogs and foxes. More likely herring gulls will take up residence on the roof, no bad thing as they are a species in decline although I suspect that the new owners might not take to them.

They are also correct to say that the area does need more fresh water pools or 'scrapes'. This is the one area where the new owners could redeem themselves in the eyes of some. If the new moat could be developed to include a 'scrape' (muddy water effectively) then it would certainly increase the chances of a whole new range of birds, unseen in the area for generations to return.

Lizard's idea that a muddy 'scrape' would be used by Sanderlings is complete nonsense and shows clearly that they know nothing about the habits of this bird. It is called a SANDerling for goodness sake! There is a clue there about its preferred habitat.

A 'vegetated shingle roof' will contribute to enhancing the shingle habitat? Clutching at straws here I think.

The trouble with the well meaning idea of planting coastal native varieties is that unless you are very careful you only get one. Tamarisk, not too the best of my knowledge a native. Buckthorn possibly. To encourage diversity you need some protection from the south westerly gales and the salty air. To do this some kind of shelter belt needs to develop. Sadly this was the feature that was largely destroyed in May 2017. In taking out a significant proportion of larger trees and shrubs from the western boundary of the property the new owners have opened the site up to the strongest of the Autumn gales. There was a reason why there was so much tall vegetation on that side of the property. Planting new species is going to be difficult. Just look how poorly the trees and shrubs planted a little further down the coast have fared, not well by and large.

Excellent idea to plant Elm trees, excellent idea to plant Black Poplar. Varieties of willow would also be another good addition.

The developer needs to look around coastal Sussex. There are few green gaps in the long march of coastal development from Pagham to Newhaven. This may not be a unique site but it is a rare one. Any development must be done with greater sensitivity to the ecology of place. So far we have not seen this and so I object to the plans on the grounds that the developers have not, and will not, take enough care of the natural environment.

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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