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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: EP/124/20/HH
Site Address: Little Dormers 23 Upper Drive East Preston BN16 1QN
Description of works: New bay and porch skirt roof to the front elevation, and roof linked detached double garage.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 6th December 2020 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

OWPC31959

Dear Mr Wood
Application Reference EP/124/20/HH

I am writing to object strongly to some of the comments raised in the objections you have received. Everyone has the right to their opinion, but some of the objections have been bizarre, from a child (whose parents have two petrol cars) telling us we should save the planet and have electric cars, to others who have suggested we may have planned to set up a workshop or use the garage as a separate dwelling, none of which we had even considered.

We have been shocked by the vitriol of our neighbours, the campaigning against us, and the harassment we have received, so that I now feel intimidated and alienated by all those who live locally and have responded so enthusiastically to the hate campaign against me. It would seem that our neighbours even object to us having cars at all accusing us of revving them up (one of them has only been driven once in the last six months), and planning to shuffle them around our drive, emitting noxious fumes.

The garage was a large building but we listened to the objections raised and made various adjustments, but this has only led to an almost hysterical outburst against us, led by someone who is not even a resident in East Preston, but who has a holiday home here and who makes little effort to enhance it.

We want to enjoy where we live and improve the street by planting trees and shrubs to hide some of the neighbouring buildings and we want to live in peace; we do not want to be faced by this continual hostility.

Upper Drive is overall not a pretty road, with high fences, walls and flat roof extensions on front elevations. The street scene has been spoilt by some of the building which has been allowed in the past and hard landscaping, whilst the east side is much more attractive.

Those who have complained about us building a garage on our south side should take note that we have never intended to do this. We removed one window as it had been installed without a lintel and replaced it with two smaller windows, correctly installed. With regard to the proposed upstairs windows, those who are concerned about privacy should note that these will have obscure glass. I have no desire to look into other people's property, and indeed I have had to put thick net curtains up in our existing south facing window as a 'gentleman' neighbour chose to stand and stare into my bedroom window at times, making me feel very uncomfortable and intimidated. I am sure any new windows will have to be similarly covered to protect our privacy.

It is a great shame that no-one took the time to come and chat to us about our plans; one neighbour refused to speak to me when I approached him. For the record, the architects we used are very professional and their drawings are not misleading at all, as stated by one objector. We have been very happy with them and we feel this objection should be removed from the public platform as it is defamatory and false. Minor errors in original plans were swiftly corrected and submitted to yourselves. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them, and also thank those who have supported us in our plans. Also for the record, the trees were removed as some were unsafe, and others were so overgrown that it was impossible to satisfactorily prune them. The chimney part was removed as it was inadequately supported. The remaining chimney, which was also unsupported, has had to have a lintel installed to support it and to make it safe for everyone. The house has required a lot of remedial work to meet current standards, and will eventually become an attractive safe dwelling. Sadly, the neighbours have ruined our dream by their hostility and offensive behaviour.

Yours sincerely,
Heather Barnes

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 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
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