

27A Sea Lane
East Preston
West Sussex
BN16 1NH

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Mr Zac Denton
Planning Department
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
BN17 5LF

Application for Planning Permission for Works or Extension to a Dwelling

**Development: Extension to front elevation of property to create first floor balcony.
Changes to external materials and wall finishes.**

Location: 27a Sea Lane East Preston BN16 1NH

Dear Mr Denton,

We write in support of our planning application and in response to the objections received.

We'd like to correct the unsubstantiated assumptions have been made about our intended use for 27A Sea Lane and be clear in stating that this house is to be our main residence and we have no intention of embarking on any holiday letting enterprise.

Our plan to build a rear balcony is not to nose on our neighbours or look into their homes and gardens, but as this room offers amazing views of the sunrise and nearby park and is intended for my elderly mother when she stays for prolonged periods, we thought it would be nice for her to have some outdoor space should she wish to be alone. The configuration of properties surrounding our own offers ample opportunity for all residents to look into neighbouring houses and gardens, and whilst we appreciate the need to remain respectful of other's privacy, we struggle to see how we would have more of a view of neighbouring properties than already offered through the existing rear windows.

We found the objections from 27 Sea Lane to be both excessive and unreasonable. 27 Sea Lane significantly overshadows our house and encroaches on our privacy as they currently have direct views into our home via many of their windows, and their south facing glass sun room stands within inches of our boundary fence. We trust that as respectful neighbours they would not abuse the opportunity to look into our property, and we had hoped they would expect the same from us although their comments sadly suggest otherwise.

Having read the East Preston Village Design Statement from 2008 we understand and respect the benefit of complementing neighbouring buildings, however, 27A bears no resemblance to number 27, its closest neighbour, and little resemblance to other surrounding properties. We appreciate the value of preservation when something is worth preserving, but in this case the property in question stands out as an 'ugly duckling' on the lane, that has been extended previously with little regard for the overall appearance.

We believe the aesthetical plans we have for the house are improvements on the current design that will enhance the look of the road and offer a refreshing more modern style as opposed to the current one that is extremely dated and tired.

Kind regards,

Anthony & Lydia Teague