

From: Zac Denton
Sent: 04 July 2018 14:08
To: 'Doug Larkam'
Subject: RE: Your Ref: EP/83/18/HH

Dear Mr Larkam,

Thank you for your email, it will be uploaded against the application.

Kind regards,

Z Denton

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From: Doug Larkam [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2018 13:01
To: Zac Denton
Subject: Your Ref: EP/83/18/HH

Dear Mr Denton,

I am the applicant for the above planning application. In light of my local council's objection to the application, I would like to place on record that neither I (or my agent) were informed of or invited to attend the council meeting when it was discussed. The email below from Simon Cross confirms this. For information, I will be attending their next meeting to understand what exactly the nature of their objection is.

Kind regards,

Doug Larkam

61 Roundstone Crescent
East Preston

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From: East Preston Parish Council (SC)

To: 'Doug Larkam'

Sent: Tuesday, 03 July 2018 17:08:00

Subject: RE: Objection to our planning application - 61 Roundstone Crescent

Dear Mr Larkam,

You have understood correctly, as this council is a statutory consultee on a range of Planning Applications, this council's Planning & Licensing Committee considered your Planning Application at its meeting on 25th June, agreed it would raise an objection only to the size of roof and submitted that objection to Arun District Council.

Apologies you were not invited to the Planning & Licensing Committee's meeting at which your Planning Application was considered. Where workload permits I will, out of courtesy advise the Applicant and/or their agent of the meeting. But that is not a guaranteed service offered by this council and not something the council has ever asked or expected me to do. Your agent should be able to confirm in the past I have sent him emails to that effect. Likewise, your agent would have known this council's committee would have been considering your Application at some point and, as other agents sometimes do, could have asked for details of when. For the record I am the only full-time member of staff, supported by two part-time office staff all looking after the needs of 6,000 residents. If other town or parish councils make a point of inviting every applicant to the relevant meeting, I am not aware of that.

Rightly or wrongly committee has never asked or expected me to inform applicants or their agents of when we are submitting an objection to a Planning Application.

I attach the draft Minutes from the meeting. As you will see it was to the size of proposed roof the committee objected. This is as stated in the letter of objection submitted to Arun. I think the committee would be happy with a lower ridge height but only the committee could confirm that if a revised drawing was presented. There is no guarantee Arun will agree with the comments we have submitted.

If you would like to discuss this with the committee direct you could attend the committee's next meeting which is on Monday 9th July, 6pm at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road.

You are right, East Preston Parish Council is a body of elected officials doing its best to represent the best interests of those 6,000 residents. Those 6,000 residents are rarely going to agree on any decision the

council takes but, in our experience, generally the village appreciates the work the council does on its behalf.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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From: Doug Larkam [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 July 2018 13:54
[REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to our planning application - 61 Roundstone Crescent

Dear Sir/Madam,

Unless I have got my facts wrong, it appears you (my local council) has objected to a proposed extension on my house. From the letter I have seen on the Arun Council Planning Portal, you held a meeting on the 25th June at which you decided you didn't like the plans and consequently wrote to Arun Council and lodged your objections.

Now, again, I qualify my comments as I am completely new to the world of planning, but if the above is correct, can you see how I might be somewhat aggrieved?! Quite apart from the validity or otherwise of your objections, why on earth did you not consider inviting me to your meeting if you were going to discuss my extension? At the very least a notification that you were going to discuss it would surely be the minimum requirement? Or dare I say, notification that you were going to object rather than me finding out when I read it on the planning portal?

You (again correct me if I'm wrong) are elected officials supposedly representing the best interests of your parishioners. Whilst one of your functions may be to pass a critical eye over any proposed planning applications, surely as *one of those parishioners myself*, you have a duty to if not help me change/improve my planning application, at least discuss it with me before firing off an objection?

To say I am dismayed with my own council's process in this would be putting it lightly. You have ignored me, ignored my neighbours who to my knowledge have not made any objections, and arbitrarily potentially caused me considerable more expense.

Now I would like to address your objection. We were advised that the local council (Arun) is keen to avoid flat roof extensions as they are unsightly and inefficient. We see a lot of 'crown' roofs being built which seem even worse in my opinion. Consequently at greater expense, we opted for a pitched roof as we were advised by many professionals, this is far more in keeping with the local area and much more aesthetically pleasing.

And yet you object. Please forward me the minutes of your meeting as I am curious as to what the grounds of your objection were, and more importantly, I would be delighted to know what sort of roof you would not object to, so I can actually improve my residence without being impeded by the very people supposedly representing me.

Yours,

Doug Larkam

61 Roundstone Crescent

East Preston

