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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: FG/114/21/HH
Site Address: 23 South Drive Ferring BN12 5QU
Description of works: Extensions and internal and external remodelling of existing dwelling to create a 4no. bedroom dwelling with double garage including single storey rear extension, replacement and reformation of roof to create second floor accommodation with rear balcony, associated landscaping.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th July 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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The area around South Drive/Ferring Close has for years been a building site with houses being made wider, higher and bigger, to the detriment of Ferring village's charm. Each increase in the size of a house in South Drive leads to a knock on effect in the search for the elusive sea view.

Often these are holiday homes and sometimes used as party houses, with at least four in South Drive and as I write this I can hear the thump of a base beat from the South Drive property next to my lounge window. These properties do not add anything except disruption to the community - their owners do not have to suffer the noise, dust and inconvenience they have been causing for years at a time.

Since the new owners of 10 South Drive have been granted a planning application to build a new two storey house in place of the 1930s bungalow, three neighbours, who were happy in their forever houses, have sold up and moved - unable to tolerate more noise, disruption and being unable to use their gardens during this time of turmoil. I understand two of these properties have been bought by developers who in turn have already mentioned to neighbours they are considering redeveloping the properties - including adding extra levels.

We have lived in Ferring Close since 1995 and moved here for the community spirit and quiet. Now we suffer from noise pollution on a daily basis. Building work from 8-6 continues all week, sometimes on a Saturday and then we also on occasion have to contend with parties booming music throughout the weekend till late in the evening.

There have already been concerns regarding parking on South Drive raised by the bus company - a lifeline to the residents - and the emergency services. To improve the situation yellow lines will be placed in the south side of south drive and around the entrance to Ferring close. This is a decision I applaud, however where will the builders park their vehicles now? Currently there is one house in South Drive being built, another being demolished and work only recently completed on a sea front property by the bus stop. These alone cause

disruptions for the residents, access to their property is denied and getting in and out of Ferring Close is at times downright dangerous because of the inconsiderate parking. With the constant building and overflow from the Blue Bird caf and beach visitors, further building applications will result in additional parking and access issues which could be life threatening in the extreme. Complaints have recently been received from supermarket deliveries who can't get close to the houses that they are delivering to, prevented by the constant stream of contractors and building material deliveries.

Number 23 is a relatively new build, having already been extended from a bungalow to a 6 bedroom property and causing the residents two years' worth of disruption. Access to Ferring Close will again be constantly blocked with vehicles causing accompanying significant health and safety risks. Number 23 was purchased as a 6 bedroom and will be reduced to a four bedroom but over 3 floors. The design will not be in keeping with nearby properties and may well set off further building to find the elusive sea views that may be lost, whilst blocking light to neighbouring properties too. A balcony on the 2nd level will give as good a view as on the 3rd level as this property already has uninterrupted sea views from the south elevation/back garden. Why take away someone else's view or their light permanently or in the shorter term the opportunity to use their gardens for another couple of years?

Making properties bigger is spoiling the village and we have to live on these building sites - Please seriously consider the residents and vote for it to stop.

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 including your name and address 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 Planning 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 Planning 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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