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Your Ref: OWPC15542
Our Ref: FG/135/17/PL 18-08-2017
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

12th September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Erection of 1 no. 2 bed dwelling
South Point Beehive Lane Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 11th September 2017 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

This is a further application for development where permission was granted by the Committee on 1/ 2/2017 for 8 flats to be built (FG/186/16) - the Developer having pulled back the building's original footprint shown in a prior application FG/116/15. The current application is for a building on the amenity land thus freed up.

It is noted that the Committee Chairman, on 1st Feb 2017, gave direction to the Councillors that they could ignore a prior but current Council directive that said development should be in keeping (character & visual amenities) with the surroundings. She said that Councillors should bear in mind that it did not now matter in what location these particular flats were built, or words to that effect. (This in relation to the fact that a block of institutional appearance was to be planted in the most beautiful and characterful part of Ferring.) The Councillors then approved the intrusive block, already very sadly out of character with the area.

At that stage, the Developer's contention was that with a break on the East side, separating the block from the Beehive Lane grouping, it (the block) blended more with the development to the West - that is the parade of shops with flats above on the other side of the road.

It cannot have been a "lightbulb moment" on the part of the Developer, at this late stage, to insert another building to be sold as a dwelling in the break referred to in the previous paragraph and nullifies his contention.

This latest application is therefore a contemptuous and perfidious manipulation of the planning system. It appears, from the progress of this development, that Residents' views are being largely expunged from the planning process and the apparent process of democracy is a sham.

In para.6 of Arun's acceptance letter on 3. 2.2017 of the 8 flat development (FG/186/16) reference is made to "A Construction Management Plan" being required as a follow up. Surely, this did not include another application for the addition of a further building to be sold as a dwelling. Really, the previous permission given should be withdrawn for reasons of misrepresentation and the whole development re-submitted for consideration of the whole. Please consider.

I request the most careful consideration be given to all that has been said so far and I add my objection.

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 to 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

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