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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: FG/157/21/PL
Site Address: 1 South Drive Ferring BN12 5QS
Description of works: Demolition of existing single dwelling & construction of new single dwelling. This site is in CIL Zone 4 & is CIL Liable as new dwelling.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 12th September 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC40305

Ferring Conservation Group objects to this application to replace the existing bungalow with a three-storey house.

While it is true that a three-storey house at the western end of South Drive was approved and is now under construction, the rest of the houses on the beach side of this road, and all along the beach frontage up to Sea Lane are bungalows or two-storey houses. Most of them are unmodernised or have been rebuilt in traditional styles, and this contributes to the quiet, relaxed and homely character on South Ferring. Three-storey houses are out of character here.

The application cites the modern developments in Kingston as precedents for three-storey houses on the beach but the character of Ferring is quite different from that of Kingston, and it is part of the Council's policy to maintain local distinctiveness. It also cites the development approved at 25 South Drive (mistakenly referred to as 23 South Drive) but this was for a two-storey extension, not a three-storey house.

We also note the very restricted access onto South Drive and the absence of any additional provision of on-site parking. A 5-bedroom house would probably have occupants who have more cars than was the case with the existing bungalow - the existing garage (even if actually used as a garage - which few are could not accommodate the extra cars. Difficulty entering the site would lead residents and callers to park on the road outside - which would impede the track of the No.8 bus which stops there, and contravene the parking restrictions agreed and about to be implemented by WSCC. Parking in nearby roads would only add to the existing congestion caused by visitors to the beach.

Moreover, the very limited access to the site would make the deployment of the vehicles and machinery demolition and rebuilding extremely problematic for several months.

South Drive is a narrow road. It was laid out in 1925, to serve two lines of bungalows with very little traffic. It has no footways or streetlights. It cannot serve with safety or free flow of traffic, a whole series of 5-bedroom

houses - nor can the roads which lead into it.

Please refuse this application. Ed Miller (Secretary, Ferring Conservation Group)

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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