

22nd December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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Demolition of existing dwelling (No. 32) & erection of 4 No. 4 bed dwellings, alterations to existing dwelling (No. 34A) with alterations to two existing accesses to form a single point of access. This application may affect the Character & Appearance of the Ferring Conservation Area.

32 & 34A Sea Lane Ferring

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 21st December 2017 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

*The large mass of these buildings is out of scale with the surroundings and will have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity and character of The Twitten Recreation Ground and surrounding areas.*

*Currently members of the public are able to enjoy the natural surroundings of the recreation ground with far reaching views of the South Downs with the occasional view of an adjacent building. The proposed development will significantly change this.*

*The existing building on the site that is to be retained is currently the most overbearing on the perimeter of the recreation ground and quite clearly stands out as such. The majority of the proposed buildings will be significantly more overbearing as they are larger in elevation and located towards the main part of the recreation ground. Cumulatively the mass of the development will be significant, altering the character of the area.*

*If the proposed development is permitted please can some mature vegetation be insisted upon by the council to partly screen the mass of the buildings and try and in some way restore the visual amenity of the recreation ground to how it was prior to the wholesale clearance of the site in preparation for development.*

*It was sad to see the mature wildlife habitat destroyed as the site was cleared for this development. The Recreation ground and surrounding areas are a habitat for Stag beetles, Tawny Owls, Woodpeckers, Sparrow Hawks and Bats, amongst other species all of which would have benefited from the site prior to clearance.*

*If you stand by the cricket square and compare the Southern Elevation of the site prepared by the applicant you will be able to see how much of a visual impact this development will have and how it will affect the character of the area.*

*In summary the proposed development is big and ugly and will ruin a tranquil public space.*

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 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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