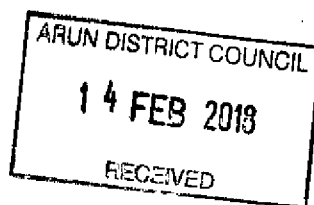


THE GORING AND ILEX CONSERVATION GROUP

Conserving the beauty and present character of Goring, the Ilex Avenue,
the trees in Sea Lane and the Goring Gap

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Mr R. Leal
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Dear Mr Leal,

Re: 63 Midhurst Drive, Ferring, BN12 5BQ

Application no. FG/1/18/HH

Proposal: Loft conversion and rear extension.

We have viewed the proposals and are concerned about the adverse effect of these on the amenity of the Ilex Avenue which, up to the boundary with Ferring, is an important part of the Goring Hall Conservation Area. Although this proposal lies outside that designated area, the Ilex Avenue continues through to Sea Lane, Ferring and preservation of the beauty and present character of the Ilex Avenue including its total integrity is of major importance not only to our Group but to the many residents of and visitors to Goring and Worthing.

We have noted above that the proposal lies outside the designated Conservation Area. However, the whole Avenue was donated to the Borough of Worthing in 1935 to be held in Trust, that it should be maintained for all time as a public walk and pleasure ground. The conveyance states:-

'The Corporation shall at all times hereinafter maintain the land hereby conveyed and every part thereof as a Public Walk and Pleasure Ground'.

Evidence of the importance attached to the Avenue and the Plantation can be found in the original brochure for the Goring Hall Estate which contains the following:-

'Another feature of the Estate which it is intended shall be preserved in all its natural beauty is the wonderful avenue of Ilex Oaks which traverses the Estate from east to west. This avenue, which it is believed is the only one in this country, forms a veritable archway of green.'

We believe that the proposed extension, with its gable end and "Juliet" balcony impinges on the Ilex Avenue by its bulk and height to the detriment of this local amenity and to the enjoyment of the users of the Avenue.

Although replacement of the gable end with a suitably hipped end and possible rooflight may alleviate the harm to the Avenue to some extent, we would strongly urge the Council to reject this application as currently proposed.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Robert Niall.

Robert Niall
(Acting Chairman)