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Your Ref: OWPC21133
Our Ref: FG/1/19/PL 04-01-2019
Please ask for:
Richard Castro-Parker

17th January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Variation of condition 5 imposed under FG/1/18/HH to have first 2 No. west facing velux windows to be clear glass & fully opening & to have the remaining velux windows (2 No. west & 2 No. east) to be obscured by a 'film' up to height of 1.7m, fixed shut with internal lock or bolt fasteners & be able to open these 4 No. velux windows 4 times per year to be cleaned & maintained.

63 Midhurst Drive Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 16th January 2019 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I am lodging an objection to the proposed changes to the original planning application concerning changing the velux window units from closed to opening units, obscured to filmed glass & clear glass.

I have noticed that all the windows on the sides of the extension at 63 Midhurst Drive have been installed with opening window units, including the top dormer windows, contrary to the original and specific terms of the planning permission.

Now the owners, having had the opening velux installed, are retro requesting that they be allowed to keep them so they can clean and maintain them throughout the year. If they had installed non opening velux as per the original planning permission the windows would require no maintenance other than cleaning.

As to the issue of window cleaning, this is a straightforward task from the outside with a window cleaning pole which can be readily purchased from a hardware shop or online, or by employing a window cleaner.

As to the issue of putting film on the glass instead of having frosted glass installed, as was a stated requirement of the original planning permission. I would ask why the owners disregarded the original judgement and installed all the windows with clear glass ? The two lower clear glass dormer windows have had a film added which could easily be removed at a later date. This would remove the protection of the neighbours privacy. Is this now deemed an unnecessary requirement? I thought all extensions of this type, overlooking a neighbours garden, required permanent obscured glass not removable film.

Should you change the original planning permission, I would also like to know who is going to monitor the '4' times a year opening and closing of the windows for maintenance and cleaning? What redress would be available to non compliance with these terms and what would be the redress if the 'film' is removed?

Added to all of the above, the current retro planning request is for the velux windows, not the dormer window. Will they also be asking for this to be retro granted at a later date, assuming that if they are granted the first change, will they automatically get the second, perhaps more contentious request?

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

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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