

Zoe Toppin

From: Zac Denton
Sent: 12 August 2020 13:46
To: Planning.Responses
Subject: FW: FG/68/20/HH

Objection

From: Martin Down [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 August 2020 13:42
To: Zac Denton [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FG/68/20/HH

I am writing to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the transformation of the flat roof to the rear of number 9 East Onslow Close into a usable outdoor space in any form.

In her application, Ms Jackson claims that we have refused to discuss this with her but there has, in fact, been no

spoke to me, in mid-2019, he informed me that they planned to repair their crumbling chimney but failed to mention their balcony plans which, in the event, preceded the chimney-repairs.

It is regrettable that the work has been partially carried out and I hope this will have no bearing on your decision. A simple Google search would have told Ms Jackson that planning permission was needed and any reputable builder should have informed her of this before commencing work.

While we appreciate that [REDACTED], we feel this has no relevance to the issue. A more normal response to such a situation would be to install a stair lift or set up sleeping accommodation on the ground floor to allow access to the garden during summer months.

We need to consider the long term consequences, as the balcony would remain long after the current residents have moved on. The next incumbents could well be a young family and the potential for noise nuisance, in addition to overlooking, is clear. The Jacksons may intend to sit quietly on the balcony but others may choose to use it to barbecue, party and play.

When you carry out your site visit, I invite you to come and sit in our summerhouse and on the benches by our pond, where we go to relax, to see how this alteration next door has robbed us of our privacy. The current proposal is for "artificial laurel trellising" to the north elevation. Such screening is wholly inadequate as it is full of holes (no pun intended). We are, in fact, overlooked by the north, south and east elevations, to the front and rear of our property. It is, in effect, a viewing platform for a sizable portion of our outdoor space.

Ms Jackson mentions her objection to the required screening due to its similarity to a shower cubicle, I feel that the current balustrade resembles a child's playpen and that her proposal would be like a plastic jungle. The only aesthetically pleasing solution is to go back to an unadorned, unencumbered and unusable flat roof.

Ms Jackson's assertion that number 1 East Onslow Close, a similar property, has a balcony is interesting as that balcony is at the opposite end of the house and overlooks a road. We would not object to this being mirrored at number 9, as it would overlook the Close and be an acceptable distance from our house. At the "chimney-end", where number 9 have added 2 sets of French doors opening onto a flat roof, Number 1 has 2 small windows, presumably the original design.

To summarise, the current balcony robs my family of our privacy and totally changes the way we feel in our front and rear gardens, negatively impacting our quality of life. The proposed nod towards screening does nothing to diminish this in any way. A full, wrap-around screen would create, in effect, a roofless, unsound-proofed, second-storey extension. None of these options seems desirable to me. I would ask that retrospective planning permission be denied and that the flat roof be returned to its original state.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Zac Denton
Sent: 12 August 2020 13:19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FG/68/20/HH

Dear Mr Down,

Apologies, but I too cannot see them on the portal.

If you reply to this email with your comments I will ensure they are scanned against the application.

Kind regards,

Z Denton

Zachariah Denton
Planning Officer

-----Original Message-----

From: Martin Down [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 August 2020 13:17
To: Zac Denton [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FG/68/20/HH

Dear Mr Denton,

I submitted my comments last week (ref OWPC28850) but they have yet to appear on the portal. Could you please confirm that you have received them?

Many thanks,

Martin Down

[REDACTED]

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> Dear Mr Denton,
> Thanks for getting back to me. As I said, the notice outside the site is obscured by the owner's car. I will look for the other although I can't understand why it would be anywhere near Sea Lane?!
> The purpose is so I can see the revised dates for consultation resulting from the delay in posting the notices.
> Regards
>
> Martin Down
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[REDACTED]

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>> Dear Mr Down,
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>> Thank you for your email.
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>> Unfortunately, I do not have a copy of the site notice to hand, I will ask about acquiring one.
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>> What is the purpose of sending you one? There is one in front of the application site, and one to the rear, facing Sea Lane.
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>> Kind regards,
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>> Z Denton
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>> Zachariah Denton
>> Planning Officer
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[REDACTED]

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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Martin Down [REDACTED]
>> Sent: 31 July 2020 06:38
>> To: Zac Denton [REDACTED]
>> Subject: Re: FG/68/20/HH
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>> Dear Mr Denton
>> Could you please forward a copy of the site notice to me as it has been posted on a pillar in front of which Mr Jackson parks his car.
>> I have been unable to locate other notices in the area.
>> Thanks
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>> Martin Down
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[REDACTED]

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>>> Dear Mr Down,
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>>> Thank you for your email.
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>>> The site notices have not yet been put up in the vicinity of the site. The date on the notice will be extended to reflect the delay in it being posted on site.
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>>> Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries you may have.
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>>> Kind regards,
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>>> Z Denton
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>>> Zachariah Denton
>>> Planning Officer
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Martin Down [REDACTED]
>>> Sent: 21 July 2020 16:16
>>> To: Zac Denton <Zac.Denton@arun.gov.uk>
>>> Subject: FG/68/20/HH
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>>> Dear Mr Denton,
>>> I am writing regarding the application for retrospective planning permission for 9 East Onslow Close.
>>> As the owner of the next door property, I shall be objecting to this application, but I am a bit concerned that it has been on your portal for a while now without notice being posted.
>>> I understand there is a 21 day requirement for displaying notices and that the deadline for comments is now only 19 days away. I was also surprised, as someone majorly impacted by this, that I did not receive a letter to inform me that an application had been received.
>>> Could you please let me know the timescale, deadlines and when letters and notices will be posted?
>>> Many thanks,
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>>> Martin Down
>>> 8 East Onslow Close
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