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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: FG/97/21/HH
Site Address: 4 Florida Close Ferring BN12 5PF
Description of works: Erection of front and rear extension, loft conversion and detached garage.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 26th June 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC37755

I am writing to lodge my objection to the planning permission sought under application number FG/97/21/HH. As a resident of Goring-by-sea for over 50 years I have enjoyed our county, our services and our seafront. Naturally, the town and villages have changed with developments over this time, but in part, most have maintained their character, charm and uniqueness, South Ferring being one of those. I put this down to a fair and reasonableness from both the local Ferring and broader Arun Council, for trying to strike the difficult balance between progress and what is over-development.

I was dismayed to hear about this planning application. I feel strongly that the proposal is harmful to the character and appearance of the area, both from the visual perspective of the properties in Florida Close and from the view from Pattersons walk. Whilst the seafront has seen modernisation of a small number of properties, the proposed plan is visually distinctive and not cohesive versus the properties surrounding it, and I feel that this is harmful to the aesthetics of not only Ferring promenade but the surrounding areas of Florida Close, Florida Road, & Ocean Drive.

The introduction of the proposed design would undermine the existing coherent street pattern. As a separate dwelling of irregular proportions relative to the size of the plot, the proposal appears contrived and cramped and sited in a manner that would detract from the openness of the garden in its current form. It feels like a gross over-development of the size plot. And furthermore, how it can be described as a loft extension? In my opinion this is very audacious description. The commonly held view of a loft extension is converting the existing space. The plans show what can only be described as a complete rebuild of the loft, adding a number of new rooms to the top, removal of the roof structure and a rebuild including an extra floor. The roof will be completely rebuilt, more overall space will be added, so how can it be a conversion?

This particular property has been on the market and empty for some time - I have walked past it for at least 4 years and like many, have wondered what will happen to it when it was sold. To see the gardens completely stripped of all trees, plants where wildlife co-existed with domesticity (I often saw bold foxes crossing the lawn, all types of birds visiting and on occasion the odd owl on late night walks) prior to planning permission

was very disappointing.

Please consider the integrity of the seafront, the fact that the style is completely out of character of the existing area, the huge size of the overall footprint and the over-development of the site. Please help us maintain South Ferring as a recognisable part of our beautiful county and don't allow this build as proposed to go ahead.

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

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

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

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 sincerely



Neil Crowther
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