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4th March 2011

For the attention of Mrs A Gardner

RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION H/1/11

The plans supplied with the above application are very difficult to interpret as apart from a scale, no measurements are given. However, it is very apparent that the roof line is considerably higher than the original. The completed barn is very intrusive from our property at this height.

I am particularly concerned that the applicant plans to raise the height of the semi-derelect corrugated iron shed to the south of the barn when rebuilding and ultimately apply for change of use of the whole to residential.

I am enclosing a copy of a photograph of the appearance of the barn from our property.

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Enc.

BARN AND SHED FROM SITTING ROOM
OF MARSH ACRES



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St. Magnus Cottage,
South Lane,
Houghton, Nr. Arundel
BN 18 9LN

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Mrs A. Gardner,
Planning Case Officer,
The Arun Civic Centre,
Maltravers Road, Littlehampton,
West Sussex BN 17 5LF

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14 March 2011

Dear Mrs Gardner,

Application for re-erection of the Old Barn, South Lane, Houghton:

I am very concerned that the barn is so very much higher than it was before. See enclosed photographs.

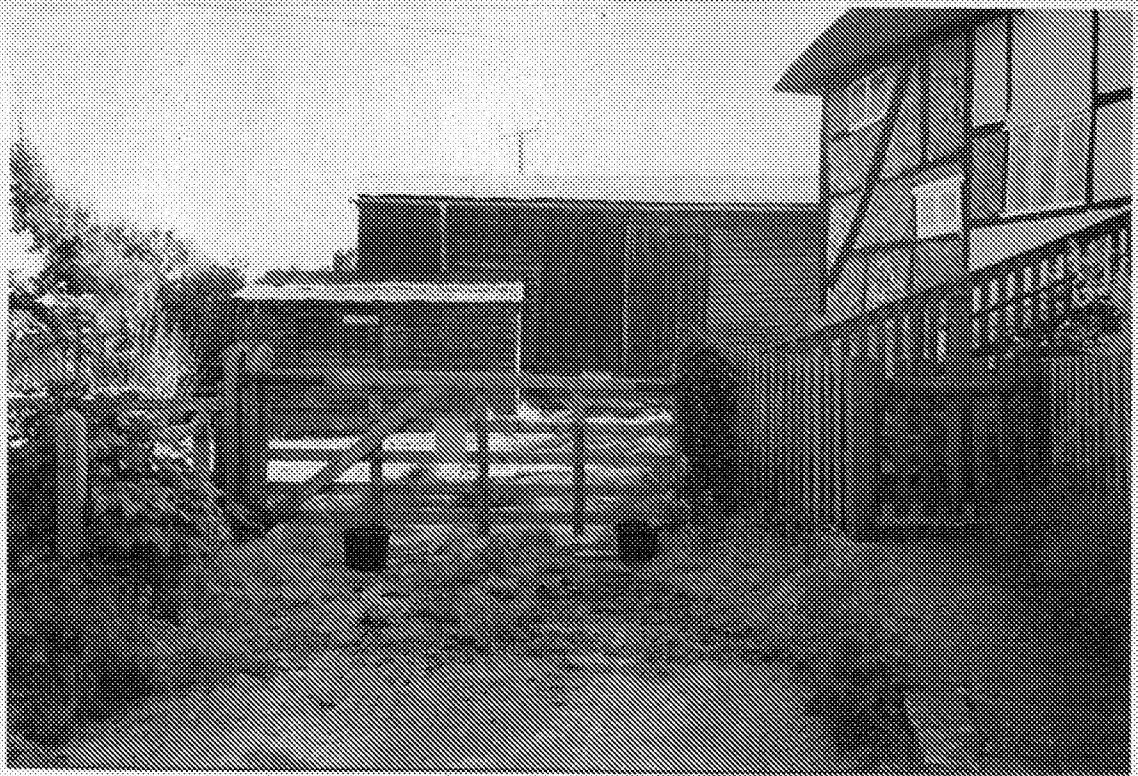
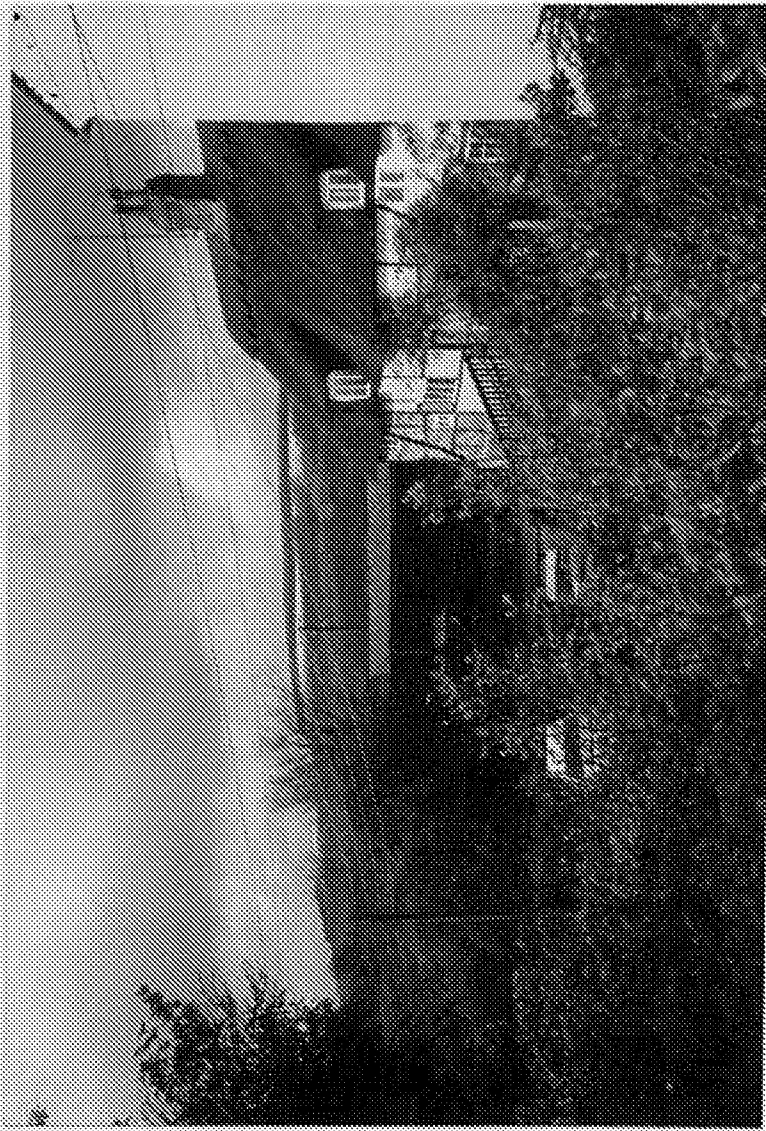
While I applaud the restoration of this building as a working barn, I would like to be assured that it is not going to be developed into a dwelling - which would be totally inappropriate and undesirable for every inhabitant of South Lane.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]



February 2011



August 2002

Dr. Stephen Cass
25 South Lane
South Lane Cottage
Houghton
BN189LN

Your Ref: Inet 000010402
Our Ref: H/1/11/
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

17th March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Re-erection of period agricultural barn

Redundant Farm Buildings (South Lane Barn) South Lane Houghton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 16th March 2011 which has been recorded as **an objection** with the comments as follows:

Dear Sir or Madam, □

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I object to the the proposed Barn/"The Death Star" (as a number of us now refer to it as) on the following grounds: □

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- 1) The first I heard of any work being done on this property was via a photocopied notice put through my letterbox on the same morning that work commenced. Prior notice, to be frank, would have given me a better feeling about this. □
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 - 2) The property, unless I can see proof otherwise, would seem to be substantially larger than any previous building on the site. Indeed, it is a serious eyesore-- despite the obvious care that has been put into the materials and design-- at the end of a lane leading to a major national trail, and in a newly-designated national park. How can this have been allowed to happen? Where is the concrete proof that this conforms with any pre-existing buildings, particularly with regards to the eye-watering size of this thing? □
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 - 3) The construction and aforementioned materials would strongly suggest that this is being built to be a sold in a few years as a Ye Olde Barne Conversion. This would have a seriously negative impact on the neighborhood and access to the lower end of the lane. One major consideration is that for a period of at least, say, 25 years this "barn" should not be allowed to be converted to residential use. □
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 - 4) The Death Star/Barn has already had the impact of forcing one long-standing resident of the neighborhood to quickly move away-- as their front view is now completely obscured by the barn, as well as my own property and the property next door, Walnut Tree Cottage. Indeed, the very first time I had visitors after the extremely rapid raising of the "barn" my guests commented, "how sad that that thing blocks all the light to your house." It is literally impossible to sit in the front room of my house without feeling overwhelmed by the structure-- which was not there when I purchased, not mentioned (indeed I was told NO FURTHER CONSTRUCTION could take place because of the National Park Status), and which will have a serious negative impact on value if I need to sell my property. □
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 - 5) As the barn is so enormous, and as I am not aware of any other period barns in the area of such gargantuan size, and if it is not to be turned into a Barn Conversion, what exactly is it to be used for that requires such airplane hangar like dimensions? □
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 - 6) While I was sharply told by one ancient resident next to the site to "mind my own business" when I asked about the barn, I would like to know why this was only apparently announced on the day construction began? Does National Park Status mean nothing? It

was one of the reasons I purchased in this neighborhood in the first place. □

While I hope and trust this was an honest oversight, serious questions need to be asked about the conformity of this with previous structures, AND about preventing it from being flipped as a barn conversion in the future. Thank you for your consideration. □

Sincerely □

Dr. Stephen Cass

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 to 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 may 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

Karl Roberts
Assistant Director Planning Services & Housing Strategy