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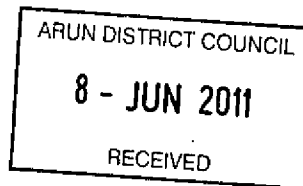
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7th June 2011

Dear Mrs Gardner

Land on the West Bank of the River Arun, Littlehampton - Application LU/245/10

I am writing to you in connection with certain aspects of the above-mentioned planning application which have only recently come to our attention.

At a recent meeting with Mr R Boyce of the Applicant Company, we were informed that this application had been submitted in order to seek retrospective planning permission for certain details that are at variance with the original permission, LU/383/04; principally relating to boundary fencing and the car parking layout. However, having now inspected the application and its associated plans, it would appear that the application currently before you relates to the entire scheme covered by the earlier permission.

Whilst Arun Yacht Club does not have any objection in principle to the application as submitted, we do have major concerns about certain aspects of the proposed development should the actual construction differ from the submitted plans.

In relation to application LU/383/04 we expressed surprise that the submitted plans did not provide for any dredging or excavations within the proposed moorings basin as we did not believe it would be feasible to create a viable scheme unless the basin was excavated to greatly increase the floating time for boats to be moored there. It was the prospect of any such dredgings or excavations that gave rise to our concerns as, should such works take place without substantial bank protection and other measures, we envisaged that the embankment to our adjacent dinghy pen, and the area of beach in front of it, would be seriously undermined and eroded.

At that time, your Council responded to say that any such dredgings or excavations below the then existing levels would need to be the subject of a separate planning application and, as a consequence, it was not appropriate to impose any conditions to deal with our concerns.

In the event, during the course of the construction of the marina basin, and contrary to assurances that were given to us, significant excavations did, in fact, occur and, as anticipated, serious erosion has occurred to our river frontage which has caused us major inconvenience and expense. Fortunately, it would appear that the beach in front of our dinghy pen has now reached a reduced level of relative equilibrium. However, should any further dredging or excavations occur, we are advised that this will cause further erosion and be likely to lead to the complete collapse of the river frontage of our property.

In the light of these concerns, and the fact that previous development within the application site has included unauthorised excavations, we would again ask that, if your Council is minded to approve this

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application, you include specific conditions to the effect that no dredging or excavations shall take place within the application site below the levels stated on the application plans without the prior approval of your Council and that any application for such approval shall be accompanied with precise details, to be prepared by a suitably qualified civil engineer and hydrologist, to indicate how the proposed reduction in levels would affect the flow of the river in this location and how it is proposed to protect the adjacent embankments and beach area from erosion, scouring or other deleterious affects.

Needless-to-say, should you wish to discuss our concerns in further detail, please do not hesitate to refer to us.

Yours sincerely, 


David Robinson