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Mr Harry Chalk, Case Officer
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Arun Civic Centre
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Dear Sir,

Re Planning Application LU/30/22/PL 32 & 33 Mariners Quay Littlehampton

Although not a resident of Mariners Quay, as a lifelong friend of Mrs Devlin, I am a regular visitor there and have known the property over a number of years. I wish to object most strongly to the above application as it will have a detrimental effect upon the appearance of the development and will totally destroy the privacy that Mrs Devlin currently enjoys. This is the second attempt by the same applicants for an extension of the balcony, the previous one being rejected by your Committee.

Mariners Quay was only built comparatively recently as a new development to enhance the frontage along the Quay. The overall design was done sympathetically, providing terraces that each have their own individual design.

As it stands, the proposed application will move from being just a small cozy balcony providing pleasant views up, down and across the river whereas what is being proposed is basically creating a first floor patio, with the potential to create another room underneath. This was not what the balconies were created for and will provide the opportunities for unneighbourly behaviour through an invasion of privacy and noise together with a definite loss of light to the ground floor room resulting from the increased length of dark stained timber immediately adjoining the boundary.

In the previous application a 1.8m high frosted glass screen was shown whereas the current plan indicates just an 1.11m high clear screen, thereby removing any privacy that previously applied and enabling visitors to next door to look easily into Mrs Develin's property.

Furthermore, the three vertical timber-clad supports, proposed to provide support to the extended balcony will look incongruous in comparison to other properties in the row.

It is our contention that the application proposes an extension to the property and, as a consequence its suitability should be assessed under the Arun District Design Guide, a Supplementary Planning Document dated January 2021 which states that *"Extensions should also preserve the amenity of the original and neighbouring properties in terms of privacy and overshadowing."*

The Planning Committee should bear in mind that, if they give approval to this application, which they have previously refused, then this is creating a dangerous precedent for future random applications. I believe that one other resident, based upon the success (hoped for!) of this application is already working on plans for a balcony that extends even further!

This application is for a building that is in a Conservation Area and the legislation states that views into and out of should be protected. This will not be the case if this proposal is granted

Therefore, I beseech the Plans Board to reject this application once and for all,
Yours faithfully

Mrs Angela Pitt