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The Georgian House,  
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17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Planning Department,  
Arun District Council,  
Maltravers House,  
[REDACTED]

For the attention of Tracey Headley-Smith:

Dear Ms Headley-Smith,

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Re: Planning Application no. LU/340/21/PL for 7 Arundel Road.

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Thank you for contacting my sister and I about the recent planning application for retrospective consent pertaining to the new windows installed by our neighbour in his property, and the replacement of an upstairs window by a pair of Juliet doors. As joint owner of The Georgian House, the garden of which shares a boundary on two sides with the development in question, we would like to make some serious objections to the windows and doors in question.

### **Objection 1.**

I believe you are fully aware of the history of this plot of land and of the fact that the northern and eastern walls of the old printing works at ground floor level form the boundary between our two properties; the windows in these walls are a part of that boundary. When the house and the printing works were sold as separate properties in about 1983, a right to light and air through these windows was recorded as a charge against the owners of our house as recorded in the Land Registry document WSX81671.

Those original windows were small-paned double casement Crittall windows set well back in the window embrasures; they were glazed with thick bobble-glass. These windows have been replaced with single-paned, top hinged windows glazed with far less obscuring glass and set at the outer edge of the window embrasures. They cannot be opened without trespassing into our garden and threatening both our privacy and our security. In fact, they open so far as to negate the requirement that they be glazed with opaque glass since when opened even halfway, they afford no visual barrier at all.

On more than one occasion since these windows were installed earlier this year, the present owner has climbed into our garden or leant his upper body out of these windows and has then set about causing damage to our garden plants and other structures. His aggressive behaviour on these occasions caused us to contact the police twice.

We strongly object to these windows being allowed to remain unchanged on these grounds.

### **Objection 2.**

The present owner proposes to use the flat roof at the western end of our property as a garden terrace; this flat roof looks directly into our garden and so threatens the privacy this outdoor space. In addition, the absence of any rail or fence has meant that large items blew down into our garden from this terrace causing a degree of damage during the high winds at the end of May.

The Juliet doors mentioned in the application give access to this flat roof and are therefore a part of his proposal to use that roof as an outdoor space. From this roof, it is possible to see directly into the windows at the back of our house, including my bedroom window.

We object to the use of this flat roof as a garden terrace unless a solid fence at least five feet high is erected along the edge between our properties to protect our privacy.

### **Objection 3.**

A few weeks ago, a Velox window was installed in the sloping roof of the wing of the old printing works. This window is directly outside my bedroom window. On at least two occasions, the present owner has leant his upper body out of this window, ostensibly to clear an already clear gutter. By doing so, he was able to see directly into my bedroom. I find this quite unacceptable.

We object to the placing of a roof-light so close to the back wall of our house.

Thank you for informing us of this planning application; may I request that our objections be drawn to the attention of the planning committee when this matter is discussed.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Aitken (Miss) and also for Claire Benedek (Dr). My sister is joint owner of this house.