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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: LU/349/20/HH
Site Address: 32 & 33 Mariners Quay Littlehampton BN17 5DA
Description of works: Extension of rear balconies. This application affects the character & appearance of the Littlehampton (River Road) Conservation Area.

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

OWPC33223

I live at 31 Mariners Quay and I have only just been informed of the proposed plans of the extending of the balconies of no 32 & 33 LU/349/20/HH. Having lived here over 8 years I strongly object to this. I have asked a friend to help me send a response to these plans and these are my sentiments

Mariners Quay is a lovely development on the banks of the River Arun and I love living here. I often sit in my lounge on the first floor with my full length patio doors open or when the weather is better I sit out on the balcony watching the evening sunlight as it plays on my lounge wall as the sun sets up the river.

Although the rear gardens overlooking the public walkway and river are small the upper balcony and the fact that some rooms are on the first floor means it is quite private. The houses along here are designed so that each pair is stepped back from the next to give people privacy and peacefulness to enjoy the view. I am fortunate in that I am on the upstream side of a pair. I have no obstructions whatsoever as I look out to the river and upstream.

My neighbour wants to extend his balcony out so that rather than being set back round the corner of my house his balcony will come right out next to mine. He will in effect be sitting next to me whilst on his balcony. At the moment the fact that he is set back round the corner means that I am sheltered from hearing him and he can not hear me. If he extends out and is right next to me he will hear every word I say and I will hear every word he says. I will have no privacy.

He will also be able to stand on his balcony and look back on to my balcony and even into my lounge. I understand that he says this will be addressed because he will put a 6ft by 4ft sheet of smoked glass on the end of his balcony right next to mine. I have measured this and it will be positioned as I say right next to my

balcony and just 4ft from my lounge window.

To put a 6ft by 4ft sheet of smoked glass 4ft from my window is like saying you can have your privacy back if you keep your curtains shut. This 6ft by 4ft sheet of glass positioned where previously there was nothing will also impact on the light levels in my room and it will cut out the evening sunlight that used to shine into my lounge and will make the room darker.

Of equal concern is the effect this doubling of the balcony will have on the light levels in my lower room. This room is situated under my balcony and the overhang on my balcony means that it is already perhaps slightly darker than I might wish. Fortunately some light comes into the room from the side as at the side there is no balcony overhanging.

If this balcony extension goes ahead my neighbours balcony rather than being set back and tucked round the side of my house as the original design was will protrude out the rear of my house and will cut out the light that I used to enjoy in the downstairs room. I do not feel it is right for me to suffer both the lack of privacy and also the loss of light.

I would add that I am aware that when my previous neighbour lived in one of the houses that wants to extend they wanted to have some roof lights put in their roof. The planning authority at that time stipulated that the roof lights needed to be low level conservation roof lights. Rightly so the planning authority felt that low level lights blended in and had less impact on the area. I hope as in the previous planning decision the planning authority will maintain this approach and will refuse this application. After all a roof light is far less intrusive than doubling the size of a balcony across the back of two houses and using three 12ft long metal supports to hold it up.

Especially in a Conservation Zone.

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

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

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

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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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