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For the attention of Mrs Gardner,

Town & County Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & County Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

First floor rear extension to create 1 No 1 bedroom first floor flat & new entrance porch (resubmission following LU/226/13/). This application affects the character & appearance of the Littlehampton Seafront Conservation Area.
18 Norfolk Road Littlehampton

Your Ref: LU/365/14/PL

We are a family of 6 including a 3 year old and we most strenuously object to the new application (Ref: LU/365/14/PL) for planning permission at 18 Norfolk Road. There are numerous reasons for this as described below.

Loss of light:

The proposed development will restrict considerably the amount of light entering our kitchen, dining area and rear reception room. This last room is also used as a study from which I work a minimum of 2 days per week.

We have only owned the property for 2 months but have been informed by neighbours that there is already an issue with shadows in the summer which affects our grass and plants. This will be much worse if the proposed extension is built.

Loss of privacy:

Any further development cannot result in anything other than our existing privacy being compromised. The rear window will still overlook our property.

Actual construction:

The new proposed construction will be completely out of character with the other existing properties in Norfolk Road and could cause an unwelcome precedent. It will also be very overbearing when viewed from our property. This site is also within a Conservation Area and the building is defined as a Building of Special Character and any extension of this nature must conflict with any intention to protect and enhance the existing appearances. It also must conflict with the Arun District Local Plan and the policies of the emerging local plan.

Parking:

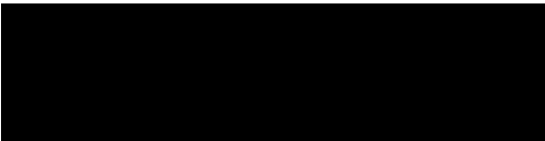
It has been stated that there are 7 parking places including the garages. This is not the case. There are 3 garages at the rear of 18 Norfolk Road allocated for use by the current 3 properties. The extra parking referred to, is in fact in front of these garages which is the space currently used by the existing habitants to actually park on. If they were forced to use the garages instead and 3-4 extra spaces made, then they would not be able to enter or exit without other vehicles being moved as they would be effectively completely cut off from the service road. If they are used, this will cause extra noise and pollution through the constant movement of vehicles. There is also an obvious safety issue to be considered due to increased traffic flow. Realistically it is extremely unlikely that both the garages and the extra parking places could be used. Parking at the front on Norfolk Road is already an issue for existing occupants and can only be worsened by increased occupancy.

Conclusion:

We are very new residents to the area and hope that the Council will consider as we do that these important properties should be maintained as far as possible in their original format. If approved this will set an unwelcome precedent and there will be nothing to stop other houses in the road applying for similar extensions thereby making a mockery of the Conservation Area.

We hope you consider our objections when making any decisions and would welcome a site visit from anyone involved in the process.

Yours sincerely,


Mr K Mulholland