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From: Alison Diamond [REDACTED]
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Dear Mr Wood,

Forgive the e-mail, I tried to reach you by telephone, but I was unable and thought you may not be on the landline owing to the current pandemic situation.

We have a planning application submitted for our property at 17 Old Point (M/102/29/HH). This is our first ever experience of the planning system, but we understand (from reading the 'build it' website) that, if there is an objection raised to planning, then it would be better for us to address the objections with our planning officer.

I have had a look at our application on-line and I can see that the parish council has NO objection, that the Middleton-on-Sea residents association (Mosa) has raised a concern, but doesn't seem to be formally objecting, and we have ONE actual objection from a Ms C Leete.

MOSA and Ms Leete appear to be connected. The vice chairperson from MOSA resides at Ms C Leete's address which is not in Old Point (nor in a position likely to be affected by our build). A Mr Leete, of that same address, is recorded as sitting on the planning sub-committee of MOSA. This may explain why the concern raised by MOSA (essentially presence of a balcony/ logia) is principally the same as the objection from MS Leete. Not quite the transparency I would hope for in a residents association, none the less, the raised concern I will serve to address.

Our property (number 17) is set well back from the road (the furthest back of the majority of properties in Old Point). Our neighbours in front (but at a distance away), have a three storey home. The distance between our property and the one in front, the differential in proposed height of our property to theirs, the trees and hedging within the front boundaries of both properties and the road between, means that our balcony, if in existence, would not be intrusive to the property in front.

It is of note, there is a property with a balcony to the front, on the same side of the street as ours, which is much closer to the road than our property and does, in that case, directly overlook the property in front of that house. For our situation this is not the case.

We have ensured our plans are in the scope of the village design statement and have consulted neighbours and the road representative as advised from the outset (including before we purchased the property). Objection has NOT been raised at a pre-planning stage. Our neighbours themselves don't appear to have raised concerns.

We reject the opinion of Ms Leete, that the balcony is disproportionate to the ground floor. The ground floor is the main living space with the greater square footage.

I hope this is useful to the planning decision process. Please feel free to contact me should you wish to further discuss.

Kind regards,

Alison Diamond

