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From: Gareth Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 September 2020 19:40
To: Planning <Planning@arun.gov.uk>
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Dear Planning Services,

We are writing in respect of the above application. Our address is 43 Southdean Drive which is directly opposite the site in question.

We would like to make it clear that we welcome in principle the concept of development of this site and do not object outright. However, we do have a number of comments and observations about the building as proposed.

Our comments relate to the material considerations of 1. design, appearance and layout and 2. impact on the appearance of the area.

Design, Appearance and Layout

The extensive use of Zinc, dark grey window surrounds, stainless steel flue and - it appears - dark cladding boards give an industrial appearance to the overall building.

The increased height and width of the first floor and the width and height of the new second floor are very dominant on the overall plot.

Overall the design appearance as proposed will be similar to a small apartment block.

Impact on the appearance of the Area

In this east/west cul de sac stretch of Southdean Drive the properties are a mix of generally white rendered, modernist/art deco or pitched roof design and appearance.

There are no other three storey properties utilising such an extensive width of the plot for the second floor portion.

There are no other properties utilising what have until very recently been considered materials for industrial/commercial buildings.

The proposed design is therefore not empathetic with the overall street scene.

To summarise - and to be clear - we are not against the redevelopment of this property in principle. However, we would be much more welcoming to a modified design and scale of building that takes into account the overall street scene and shows empathy to its surroundings, whilst utilising more appropriate materials and being of a less intrusive appearance and scale. We both like and admire successful modern architecture.

We would be happy to clarify any of the points we have made as required.

Jo and Gareth Lewis