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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: R/75/22/HH
Site Address: 10 Acre Close Rustington BN16 3PG
Description of works: Removal of the existing conservatory and replacement with a two-storey rear extension, plus a front infill extension and an increased ridge height with a new dormer to the East of the property.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th May 2022 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

OWPC47604

I feel compelled to respond to concerns that a bungalow will be 'lost' if our plans were to be approved, that our home would become a 'two-storey house', and the references to older people needing bungalows rather than flats or care homes.

First, I can't comment on how many new bungalows are being built; but I do know that there is a chronic shortage of suitable homes for families with disabled children. Research conducted in 2021 by Contact, a charity for families with disabled children, found that four in 10 (41%) families have a home that doesn't meet their disabled child's needs.

Access to suitable accommodation is not just an issue for the elderly - it is a huge problem that negatively affects the lives of families with severely disabled family members.

Second, our adapted home would be more accurately described as a chalet bungalow rather than a two-storey house. The majority of the primary accommodation remains on the ground floor, which becomes fully accessible for a person with mobility issues or severe disabilities - young or old. We have re-provided some space in the attic and taken the opportunity to add a small home workspace. The purpose of a bungalow is preserved, while providing accommodation for the wider family.

It is disappointing that the plans have been viewed negatively as causing the loss of a bungalow. They should be viewed positively, as they add a fully adapted chalet bungalow to the housing stock. The home will be

suitable for families with disabled children, elderly relatives, or those with mobility issues. It will be a home for life, which is what we intend to make it.

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

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

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

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

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a 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
Group Head of Planning

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