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Planning Application AWDM/1557/25 – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed storage/battery store shed/outbuilding, 17 Franklin Road, Worthing.

We are writing to make our objections to the above planning application on several grounds.

1. Development so close to boundary line

The plans show that the outbuilding will be next to our boundary line, The north side, adjoins our property at no.19. The plans show that there is no gap which would mean that maintenance for both parties would be extremely difficult.

2. 1.2m fence in situ

The boundary line, falls to us at no.19, as per our deeds. We currently have a 1.2m fence in situ along this boundary line. To have 4m of brick wall alongside this, encompassing three fence panels, and then towering over our fence by another 1.3m will look extremely odd, very unaesthetically pleasing and completely out of character and placing. It will be over double the height of the current border.

3. Loss of light

As the outbuilding will be more than double the height of our fence it will severely restrict the amount of light that will enter that part of our garden. The outbuilding will be directly to the south of this part of our garden and will therefore block out light all throughout whole the day. This will have a large negative effect on the viability of maintaining our well-established garden. This will also mean that the birds, butterflies, bees and other insects will become less. The ground directly next to this in our garden will become mossy, damp and unusable. If the outbuilding were to be to the south or west border line of no.17 property, it would not create these issues. Or even if it was in line with our outbuilding which is situated further west.

4. **Fire Risk**

We are very concerned that the outbuilding will be for the use of storing batteries and the huge fire risk this poses to us. The local fire station has confirmed that any fires involving batteries, let alone a vast storage of them, that they cannot put them out. They have to leave the batteries to burn out on their own. The fact that the outbuilding is planned to be on our borderline means that our property is then at a massive risk if a fire were to break out as there is no fire break.

5. **Flood risks**

This area is a flood risk and to add a large brick building into the mix will not assist this. It will pose an enormous risk of flooding in the immediate area. This area is a high-risk flood area and has indeed suffered as a result of this on numerous occasions over the past years. The site is located within a major surface water flow path. To put a building in this path would be ludicrous and will hugely impact those in the neighbouring vicinity, both vulnerable residents at 15a, 15b, 15c and ourselves.

6. **Previous planning applications**

AWDM/0317/23 – Demolition of the garage of the rear (west) of 11 Franklin Road and proposed creation of one, 1 bedroom single storey dwelling house. Refused on 17/04/24. This site is the other side of the private access driveway to the south of no.17. The primary reason for refusal was due to flood risk. The same conclusion can be formed for this current application as it is a similar size and location to the proposed outbuilding.

In conclusion, based on all of the above, we cannot see anyway in which the application can be approved. **We therefore urge you refuse the application.**

Yours faithfully

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