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Dear Mr Porter,

Thank you for your time on 16 February to discuss the proposed development at 12 Queens Place.

I noted with dismay that the first proposal (ref. AWDM/1552/15) for the dormer appears to have been approved, despite objections from a number of neighbours. In addition, I now understand that an original application for an even higher structure - which was initially rejected by the committee - is to be reconsidered.

I attach a pair of **photographs** to illustrate the overwhelming impact that these gross structures (**'sheds in the sky'**) are already having on the neighbourhood. A second pair of photographs show the roofs of the two tallest cottages in the street, one of which is the one hoping to extend yet further upwards - ie. nr 12. (The dark green house is number 11 - for the owner of which I have the utmost sympathy.) Surely it is evident from these photos that such extensions are wholly inappropriate in the midst of this street of small, narrow, terraced Victorian homes (with equally small back gardens), recognised for their character and charm, as treasured by most of the residents and admired by visitors.

With reference to Policy AB4 of the Adur District Local Plan Policies, I would argue again that the proposed (and, indeed, existing) constructions neither preserve nor enhance in any way the character and appearance of the original 150-year old buildings.

Likewise, with reference to Policy AH7 of the Adur District Local Plan Policies, it is obvious to me that there is/would be a thoroughly unnaceptable degree of overlooking with an overbearing effect on neighbours living discreetly on either side. There is no likelihood whatsoever that the proposals include a design that is sympathetic to the local environment.

In view of the repeated request for extra height, I would like to register my strong objections, in that I feel that the matter is going from bad to worse and - worse still - that such 'developments' are irreversible and so become a blight on the classic nature of our street for the foreseeable future.

I am therefore asking you, once again, to reject the application. I would also appreciate a response to this letter which, I am advised, is my right under your existing policy (to send notification letters more widely).

Yours Since[redacted]

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