134 Manor Hall Road

Southwick

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ADUR & WORTHING PLANNING SERVICES	
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To whom it may concern,

I write in support of my planning application PP-04331256 regarding a single storey rear extension to my property at 134 Manor Hall Road.

We understand that we have carried out work without the required planning permission; for this we apologise and therefore, apply for it retrospectively. We had commissioned Tony Standing to do our technical drawings and to make the relevant applications on our behalf. I did ask him to check if we needed planning permission and he wrote in December 2014 to you enclosing a copy of the plans advising that he believed the build came under permitted development. It is our mistake to have assumed that as we heard nothing to the contrary we were ok to go ahead. I do understand that ultimate responsibility lies with us and we were wrong to put our trust in someone else. I do hope you will look upon this sympathetically. We were disappointed however, to find that it was the mistake of your department that led to the lack of response from you and would ask that, as a gesture of goodwill, you waive the planning fee on this occasion.

Regarding the planning application, we are aware now that we have exceeded the permitted development by 50cm. We hope that the supporting photos show that the build is of a good quality and is well presented. May I also advise that the extension is south facing and causes little to no shadow to any neighbours. You will note from one of the attachments that we have written consent (party wall agreement) from our direct neighbour at 136, concerning the build in accordance with the plans which they were shown. The only element of concern for them, which they raised with me in person, was that they did not wish the wall on their side to be face blockwork and grey. We agreed to paint it white as we would not be able to render it all due to accessibility. They appeared to be happy with this.

Prior to starting this project I knocked on a number of neighbours doors and requested to see their extensions. There are many single storey rear extensions on both the north and south side of Manor Hall Road and in neighbouring roads, Old Barn Way and Meadow Close; some at least 4m in length. 122 Manor Hall Road is also south facing like us and has 4 mtrs with side windows. Some will have been granted planning permission and some may have been built without, perhaps under permitted development. I can see that many of the homes in the street have been extended both to the rear and also in the roof, suggesting

that people, like our family, are wishing to remain in their properties and in the area rather than moving to a larger property. We are confident that the quality of the work done will enhance the property value which is why we have chosen to invest in this property and in turn this area. We have lived in Southwick for 11 years and we are bringing up our children here and hope you will allow us to continue nurturing our family in this area by approving our application.

Should you need to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly and I will do what I can to assist.

Shaneeda (and Michael) Walsh

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