

A Neighbour's Response to Retrospective Planning Application AWDM/0580/26

My name is Chris Slade... My wife, Michele, and I have lived at **No 2 Westbrooke** for 22 years - directly facing Pumpkin Patch Nursery - Ample time on a daily basis to observe 3 ownerships of 40 Crescent Road. Strangely we are not mentioned as a neighbour in the recent retrospective planning application for 40 Crescent Road. We are here and are affected in a number of ways both visually & audibly by the existence of Pumpkin Patch Nursery.

I am astounded that following the first planning issues under its latest ownership (AWDM/0905/22 - 17 November 2022) that little or nothing has been learnt that would create awareness or shed light (no pun intended)... on the necessary procedures when dealing with additions or alterations to a building and its surrounding land **IN A CONSERVATION AREA**... a phrase entirely missing from the applicant's document seeking retrospective approval. (surprising for such a professional looking document).

The properties bounded by Westbrooke, Crescent and Richmond Road **do** form a conservation area and they are predominantly properties from the Georgian era.

- The new building is **not in the rear garden** as stated in the application
- It sits to the **front and side** of the building
- it is sited **way out in front** of the ascribed building line
- It does not **observe the height limitation** of 2.5 metres
- it is **out of keeping** in any way architecturally with the main building.
- It **is visible** to the public (and certainly from 3 neighbouring properties)
- Comparisons made with other well established local buildings are not relevant **as those raised as examples are OUTSIDE of any Conservation Area** - but in any case are either Victorian (Richmond Road). OR in the case of a reference to Sion School - the replacement of older weather damaged buildings.
- The new building to the front of the play area takes up appx. 20% of the whole exterior space to the south of the building - surely this has now reduced the effective activity space (ratio-wise) for the currently approved intake when using the outside space.

In spite of a visit by me to the Nursery when work had recently begun on the new building in question I had a conversation with the building's/Nursery's manager and I pointed out that there had been no planning application made - none was subsequently sought... until this retrospective application following the building's completion.

Photographs of the development and its impact on the surroundings are attached.

Adur & Worthing
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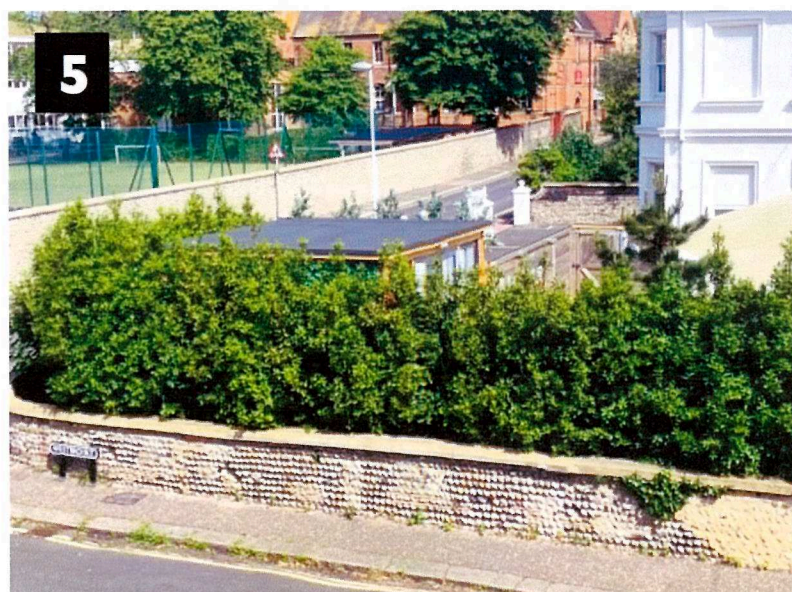
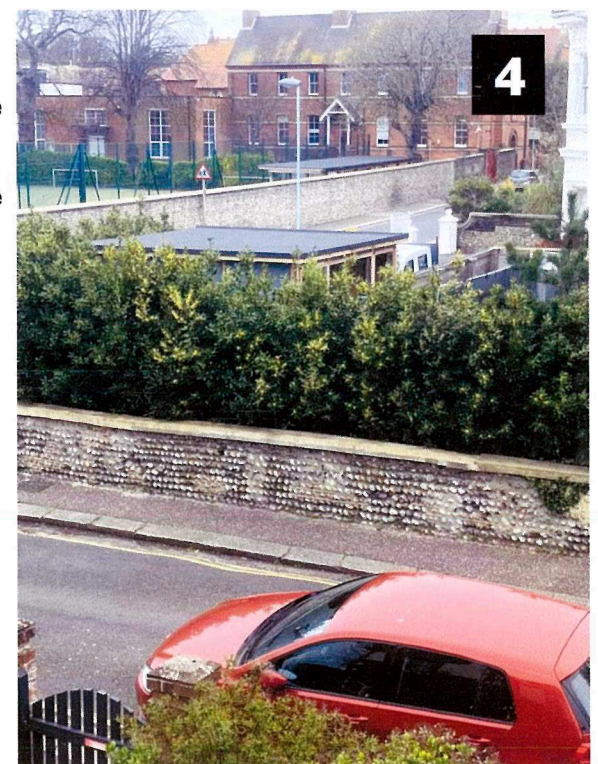
1. Streetview looking south

2. View from No. 1 Westbrooke

3. Streetview

4. View from No. 2 Westbrooke

5. View from No. 2 Westbrooke



**Photo's to support
NEIGHBOUR RESPONSE to
Retrospective Planning
Application AWDM/0580/26:-
at Pumpkin Patch, 40 Crescent
Road sited in the Richmond
Road CONSERVATION AREA**