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Dear Peter Barnett,

As residents of Ship Street 33, we should like to make a number of observations regarding the published proposals for the development of Ship Street 36

1. Proposals for the front of the house:

The row of cottages of which this forms part is generally assumed to have been built c. 1830, which is supported by the Census Returns from 1842 onwards (Worthing Public library) where they are specifically referred to as "Cavendish Place" as an apart entry under "Ship Street". The terrace character has largely been preserved down to the present, albeit with a number of alterations before it was designated as part of the 'Conservation Area'.

The proposals, in our opinion, run in 2 opposed directions:
- on the one hand, the proposal to remove the PVC window frame and door and replace it by wooden ones is an excellent idea
- on the other, the proposed removal of the chimney-stack, the addition of a Sky-Light window on the front elevation of the roof, the addition of a second bedroom window, and the raising of the height of the doorway to above the existing arch, would repeat some of the earlier mistakes, and destroy the architectural unity of the terrace.

2. Proposal for the extension at the back of the house:

While the rear of the cottages is not in the public view, it is, none the less, within the Conservation Area.

Unlike the front, there has been considerable 'historical growth' and improvisation at the rear. Nevertheless, the

Succession of gardens and back yards adds to the charm of the cottages and to the quality of life of the residents. It is important to note that it is on a very small, intimate scale.

We are not opposed to the idea of an extension as such; but it needs to be in proportion to the immediate surroundings. The proposed 2-storey extension to provide (as we understand it) space for a double bedroom, would be intrusive and out-of-scale. If approved it could serve as a precedent for similar extensions, which would, again, destroy this characteristic area.

Since house extensions at the back are a notorious source of vexation, often leading to 'neighbour rows', it would surely be a good idea to follow the 'conservation guide lines' as closely as possible, and where these are lacking in detail, at least the spirit of conservation.

Yours Sincerely

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