Adur District Council

Planning, Regeneration and Wellbeing

Mr P Brown
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Our Ref:
Your Ref:

Date: 30 July 2009

Dear Mr Brown

Retaining wall and raising of garden level

11 Firle Road, Lancing

Further to my site visit with Richard Hasler from Building Control on 28 July, I have now received the following comments from Mr Hasler about your wall.

He has stated:

"There is little documented about small garden retaining walls like this.

However, the foundation does not go below the lower ground level and the thickness and loading do not meet the criteria for retaining walls detailed in the Building Regulations.

I would therefore recommend that the wall should be evaluated by a suitably qualified engineer."

On the basis of these comments, I must advise you that I cannot grant permission for the wall as built. I am sure you can appreciate that it would be irresponsible of the Planning Department to grant consent for a wall which was not seen to be stable.

I would therefore advise you to either obtain an independent surveyor's report on the safety of the wall or rebuild it with deeper foundations and greater thickness. I shall be grateful if you would let me know what course of action you wish to take.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

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