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PLANNING SERVICES

Adur-Worthing Planning Dept

FAO Mr Peter Barnett

29.04.22

Your reference: AWDM/0611/22

Dear Sir,

Thank you for referring this planning application to my wife and I, and our neighbours.

I write to express our very real concern that the works proposed, if allowed, will have a detrimental impact on the quality of life currently enjoyed by my wife and I.

Our house is situated on the north-east corner of the junction of Mill Hill and Mill Hill Drive, and is directly opposite 1A Mill Hill. I have attached photographs to illustrate the imposing nature of the house opposite which is already one of the largest properties, if not the largest property, in this vicinity and lacks the character of neighbouring properties in appearance and materials.

My wife and I are concerned specifically that the proposed extensions, particularly to the north side, and the addition of roof terraces, will lead to a loss of light and certainly a loss of privacy as our west-facing garden and patio will be overlooked. We believe this would likely impact on our well-being as we may be unable to relax outdoors as we now are.

Storm Eunice in February this year ripped off the flat bitumen roof of 1A Mill Hill, a large part of which was blown into our property causing substantial damage. We are concerned that the addition of roof terraces will increase the risk of danger to us and our property.

Proximity to Shoreham airport is a concern. Light planes frequently fly over this area and there have been instances when engine failure has brought them down at the airport, into the sea, at Titch Hill in Steyning and even, albeit in 1964, directly into a house in Buckingham Road in Shoreham. Consideration should be given to the potential increase in the risk to light aircraft in raising the height of this already substantial property.

Any extension to the front of the property must lead to a reduction in off-road parking which must inevitably lead to an increase in parking in Mill Hill Drive. Because of the narrowness of Mill Hill it is already the case that visitors and workmen to addresses in that road habitually park outside our property, causing noise and disturbance.

There must also be a concern that the proposed excavation of the front drive and garden might threaten the mature trees at the front and north side of the property. These contribute much to the aesthetics of the environment here.

We would like to ask that this proposal be rejected as unsuitable for the reasons I have outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Tony and Cheryl Pike.



View from our bedroom window.



View from our patio, standing.



View from our patio, seated.

Please note that the sun sets over the lowest, northern-most part of the existing roof, so that the proposed increase of this elevation will impact our light.

If the overall height of the roof is to be extended across the full width of the property and roof-terraces created our privacy will be severely affected.