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Dear Mr. Barnett,

Thank you for your letter dated 21.09.2018.

Application for use of garage at rear to include ancillary storage; change of single side door to double doors, minor changes to dimension of front door of garage - 27 Norbury Drive, Lancing, BN15 0QQ

I cannot believe that I am in this horrible and stressful situation yet again.

I was shocked when I realised that the applicant had changed building specs, ignored conditions and intended a change of use.

The nature and use of the garage is of particular relevance to me - it is only 10cm from my southern boundary and set back approximately 4 metres from my west facing lounge. Colloquially, it is always "in my face". It is well served by several electric sockets at both ends and a waste pipe emerging close to the up-and-over door.

Change of use It is clear that any change of use, whether it be a live/work unit or a storage facility would not meet the terms of Conditions 11 and 17 attached to the planning permission approved in March 2016 (AWDM/1272/15)

These state emphatically that the garages "should NOT be used for any purpose other than parking". You confirmed this in your letters to me dated 7. April 2016 and 13. July 2018.

I had also asked for information re. the future use of the garage by present and subsequent occupants, but these questions were neither acknowledged nor answered.

The applicant must have been aware of these conditions when he submitted his plans for the garage in November 2016.

It is important that the garage is retained as a single unit (NOT PARTITIONED) to ensure its suitability for vehicles of various sizes.

Parking To allow any change of use would create a precedent - there are four more garages on the development plan !!

The two new houses have no direct access to the public highway. The building plot supplies ONE PARKING SPACE to be shared between them and two garages each. If the new owners decide alternative uses for their garages it is inevitable that parking problems will multiply in Norbury Drive ; highway safety will be compromised. There have already been two accidents involving parked vehicles recently.

Change of single door to double doors

This change has already taken place. The single half glazed door (as shown on the approved plans, Nov. 2016) is now a double door, fully glazed from top to bottom - the kind of French doors usually seen in a lounge.

The wide up-and-over door would provide easy access for larger items, hence negating the need for double doors.

If the planning process is fair the double doors should be removed and the single door established in the location shown on the original plan.

In conclusion In isolation these amendments may seem innocuous but, combined with the already approved amendment (June 2017 - AWDM/0915/17) to relocate the replacement garage, paint a very different picture, far removed from the one intended.

I hope that the planning system is robust and honest and that these amendments will be firmly refused. What is the point of plans and conditions if they are not respected and enforced?

I have lived under the Sword of Damocles since the planning application in 2015. It has had a huge and negative impact on my life. Enough is Enough!

Yours Sincerely,

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