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Thalassa
11 West Beach
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1st September 2012

Development Management Section
Adur & Worthing Councils
Planning Service
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application AWDM/0965/12 – Extension of existing front balcony, with side screen

I am writing with reference to the recent letter addressed to yourselves from the occupants of Fins, objecting to my recent planning application as above.

Just to clarify the matter, I put forward this planning application to extend the balcony **for my own privacy reasons**, with obscurely glazed screens in place at an increased height of 1.8m at both ends in order to give myself complete privacy and the occupants of the properties at either side. As you can see clearly from the photo overleaf, Fins has previously been extended by approximately a metre from the original front line of the property (Planning ref L/84/85/TP/2536 – infill at First Floor Balcony). Upon purchasing the property last November it became apparent that my privacy was being jeopardised due to the fact the 1st floor window facing my property from the west side of Fins looked directly into my proposed master bedroom – I am extremely surprised that an opaque window had not been specified during the planning process. Watersedge to the west of Thalassa also has no obscure glazing to either of the two newly installed balconies on the east side facing Thalassa (Planning ref ADC/0072/10) again raising the question of privacy issues.

I have also attached below photos showing the positioning of the existing balcony, which extends only three quarters of the way along the front of the property, which is not aesthetically pleasing from the street view. It also means the balcony stops two thirds of the way along the sun lounge, cutting short of the patio windows – which looks extremely odd from the 1st floor and ground floor lounges .

I also note the occupants of Fins also state that by extending my balcony by a further 4 metres they are of the opinion this would cause a higher degree of noise pollution. I do not believe this to be the case, as the dimensions of the balcony are such that large crowds would be unable to 'party' on it – the depth just being sufficient enough

to accept a chair! The fact that the only opening window of Fins is on the west side, directly overlooking Thalassa, is in my opinion a poor design feature, considering the front of the properties are due south and the rooms obviously becomes extremely hot in the summer months.







I hope my comments will be duly noted.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

Brian Marsh