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1 Adur Close
Lancing
West Sussex
BN15 8LP
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16th October 2012

Adur District Council
Adur Civic Centre
Ham Road
Shoreham-by-Sea
West Sussex
BN43 6PR

Dear Sirs

Re: No's 1-7 Adur Close, Lancing, BN15 8LP

My fellow residents and I received a letter from Mr Simon Gordon, dated 28th September 2012, regarding your approval for him to erect a fence to the front of our properties.

I visited your offices on 8th September 2011 and met with Ms Tracy Constadine. She assured me that as soon as an application for planning was received, Adur District Council would write to us. This did not happen. Surely that is the correct procedure, so you can see we are far from happy.

Would you please reconsider this approval in light of the following points:

A. Should this fence be 10 ft back from the path, as in the original plans you approved when these properties were built in the 1960's, a 10 ft grass verge was part of this development and has been maintained by us, the residents, for the past 44 years. Ms Constadine said the original plans would be collected from your archives at Shoreham for you to check this out (see attached 'A').

B. When the previous owner, Mr Murray Gordon (deceased), applied for planning permission to build houses on the adjoining land, you will see that he had the boundary fence 10 ft back from this path (see attached 'B').

C. We also feel that the proposed fence is too high, as our properties are at a lower level than the 10 ft grass verge (see attached 'C'). This would make the viewing height of this fence from our lounge windows nearly 6 ft (1.7 metres) high.

D. In Mr Simon Gordon's letter to us, he states his intention to plant Leylandi on the area in question. These conifers are unsociable and very fast growing roots will undermine the paths foundation and interfere with the water main and gas main that runs underneath (see attached 'D').

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E. I did write to Mr Simon Gordon on 9th September 2012, with what we felt was a constructive letter but he did not bother to reply (copy enclosed).

If sadly you continue to allow this fence to be erected as your approval shows, who is going to maintain the grassed area behind it? It will become overgrown right up to the path and the problem we have had with rats and other vermin will return. If you think Mr Gordon will maintain it please think again, as it is obvious he doesn't care about the concerns of the residents of Adur Close.

Taking into account the points raised, would you please reconsider this approval. It would be very constructive if one of your planning officers could meet me on site to see if we can resolve the problem we face.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Brian Parsons (No.1)

Other residents of Adur Close:

Robert and Lucy Neal (No.2)

[redacted]

[redacted]

Jon and Nicki Elphick (No.3)

Richard Bramley (No.6)

[redacted]

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John and Elsie Flack (No.4)

Rachael Crosby (No.7)

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ENC:- COPIES OF DOCUMENTS "A" "B" "C" "D" & "E".