38 Parkside,

Shoreham by Sea,

West Sussex BN43 6HA

23rd April 2009

Dear Planning Officer,

Planning Application ADC/0123/09: Wooden cabin at end of garden; 40 Parkside Shoreham

Following my recent discussion with Hannah Barker, I wish to make the following comments:-

1. The purpose of this building has not been specified. I am told that, because the application has been made in the form of a residential application, it will be considered as "ancillary to domestic use". It is not clear if this is a definitive use category or an informal supposition capable of wider interpretation. I understand that "ancillary to domestic use" could include the casual storage of garden furniture, the temporary storage of domestic items, casual leisure purposes and similar, but would not include residential and business purposes.

2. The design, appearance, materials and character of this building are not defined in anything other than the most general way leaving open a multitude of possibilities. The term 'cabin' could cover designs appropriate to a building site office, a garden chalet through to a log cabin. Apart from the outline plan there is no information provided on this matter. Similarly the term 'wooden' is applicable to logs, surfaced block board, lap-boarding etc. Not all of these materials would be appropriate for such a residential setting. I understand that these issues are to be questioned with the applicant but at this stage it cannot be determined whether or not they would be sympathetic to the surrounding properties.

3. It might also be that a mistake has been made in the application and the category of use might be more nearly related to business, commercial, industrial, materials storage or residential purposes of the applicants. If it transpires that this is the case then there would be a whole range of other factors to be considered connected with such use. None of these factors has been addressed in the application.

4. In the case of (3) above, I object to any significant use for commercial, business, industrial, materials storage or residential purposes. These would be contrary to current policy with regard to localities such as Parkside, would cause highway safety,

traffic and parking problems in this single track road and would result in noise and disturbance.

5. In principle, I have no objection to the 'ancillary to domestic use' purposes of such a proposed building, assuming such purposes are of the general character outlined in (1) above, and also subject to the character, materials and appearance of the building being appropriate to the area (v. (2) above) which latter point Hannah Barker has undertaken to examine. However, given the scale and permanent nature of this proposed building within a domestic garden, I suggest that the permission be temporary, say, 5 to 10 years and subject to review.

6. Should there be any change in the nature, scope, style or purpose of this application I wish to be consulted further. I wish to have the opportunity to be heard when this application is considered by the planning committee.

Yours sincerely,

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