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Appeal Summary Statement of Case.

Appeal Against – Refusal of Planning Permission (AWDM/0707/14).

17 Old Fort Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5RL.

October 2014

Project Name:	17 Old Fort Road (Original Application)
Location	17 Old Fort Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5RL
Client:	Pursuit Properties Ltd
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1. Introduction

1.1. This 'Statement of Case' has been produced on behalf of Pursuit Properties Ltd in support of an Appeal against the refusal by Adur District Council of Full Planning Permission for *'Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a single two storey 4 bedroom dwelling, associated access, parking and landscaping'* at 17 Old Fort Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5RL **(AWDM/0707/14)**.

1.2. This application was refused by Adur District Council's Planning Committee on Monday 4 August 2014, despite the Council's Planning Officer's providing a recommendation for the approval of the Full Planning Application. Those reasons given by Arun District Council for the refusal of planning permission are as follow:

> ***'The proposal is unacceptable in that it does not relate sympathetically in design, form, scale and massing with the existing character of the locality and, cumulatively, developments of this form and scale are eroding the original character of the area to the detriment of the visual amenities and residential environment of the area. It therefore conflicts with saved policies AG1 and AH2 of the Adur District Local Plan and the policies of the National Planning Policy Framework.'***

1.3. The proposed development, in support of which this Appeal has been lodged, represents revisions to an earlier scheme, that sought the *'Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of 2no. semi-detached, 3 storey flat roofed dwelling with front roof terraces and first floor balconies'* **(AWDM/0284/13)**. This previous scheme was refused by Adur District Council, and later dismissed at appeal **(APP/Y3805/A/13/2202322)**.

2. Summary

2.1. The Appeal scheme has been assessed against all relevant National and local guidance and all other material considerations, and has been found acceptable. The design has evolved with the full guidance and collaboration of Council Officers and was supported fully by the professional Planning Officers of Adur District Council.

2.2. The proposal is considered to provide for the delivery of a replacement family dwelling of the highest architectural quality that, will enhance the visual amenity and character of the local area, without adverse impact on the setting or residential amenity of neighbouring properties.

2.3. The design of the proposal in relation to density, layout, scale, mass, bulk and height has been given careful consideration in relation to the context of the site within Shoreham Beach, and the prevailing architectural style of the area more generally.

2.4. In this regard the proposed dwelling would be at a scale that responds fully the visual mass and form of the existing property and those neighbouring properties in keeping with the scale of the site and locality more generally.

2.5. It is strongly contended that the character of the local area has evolved significantly since the completion of the existing property at 17 Old Fort Road, and therefore the proposal will reflect the new character of the area in regard to size, scale, mass and appearance.

2.6. Overall the proposed dwellings would enhance the visual amenity of the locality, removing the existing poor quality property, and replacing this with a modern family dwelling of the highest architectural quality.

2.7. The proposed replacement dwelling at 17 Old Fort Road is fully compliant with the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance/Documents on residential development (e.g. space between dwellings).

2.8. The development is considered to be consistent fully with the aims and objectives of both the National Planning Policy Framework and the Adur Local Development Plan.

2.9. As set out within the Case Officers report to the Planning Committee the Appeal scheme will have no adverse impact on the residential amenity of those exiting neighbouring properties. Coupled with the high quality architectural solution adopted within the proposals, the Inspector is respectfully requested to allow this Appeal and grant Full Planning Permission for this development.