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Shoreham By Sea,
West Sussex.
BN43 6HY

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am currently applying for retrospective planning permission for a wooden platform I have erected to the front of my home located at number 102 Slonk Hill Road, Shoreham By Sea. BN43 6HY.

I have built this structure, as I am unable to place a table and chairs in the front, due to the severe slope of the garden. For some reason, there is more of an elevation in my garden than that of my neighbours, which can clearly be seen in the photographs that I have enclosed.

I have counted the number of bricks down from the damp course on my property to the pathway on the lower side and there are more bricks than any of my neighbours properties. I am happy to show you this in person if required.

Having spoken to a number of builders, I have constructed the platform in good faith, making it as low as possible and to a small unobtrusive size. I can assure you, that I was not aware that I required planning permission to build it.

The structure does not obscure any views from any of my neighbours and I do not believe it to be unattractive or out of place. Obviously as it ages, it will darken and compliment the brickwork more.

My neighbour who resides at 104 Slonk Hill Road, Mrs Barbara Robinson, is the only person whose view could have been affected. I have spoken to her and she states that it in no way causes any obstruction or limits her view in any way whatsoever. (Letter from Mrs Robinson attached to application). She stated that she is willing for you to contact her directly should you wish to do so.

Mrs Marilyn Knowles, who resides at 108 Slonk Hill Road, directly opposite my address, stated that she thinks it looks nice and compliments the house. She went on to say that she can be contacted directly also.

I have spoken with most of my neighbours, except for the lady who lives at number 110 Slonk Hill Road, due to her being elderly and quite ill. I do not feel it is appropriate at this time to disturb her.

My immediate neighbour at 100 Slonk Hill Road, does not speak to me and has made it quite clear she does not like me. This is due to me having renovated my home over a 6 month period when I first moved in, during which time she made continuous and unreasonable complaints about the noise, as a result of work being carried out on the house during the day time. I apologised to her in advance and explained it would take a number of months to complete, due to me having to work at the same time and would stop each day by 5pm, which I adhered to. Her friend resides at 106 Slonk Hill Road, so I have not asked her to become involved. In person however, she stated to me that she had no problem with it.

The owners of the bungalows directly at the bottom of this row of houses, (i.e. running the length of Slonk Hill, East to West), have a direct view of the structure. All have complimented me on it and each one has stated that they believe it to add to the frontage, of what is otherwise quite a bland looking building. (Letter with multiple signatures attached to application).

As already stated, I have built this platform to allow me to place a table and chairs on it so that I may enjoy the view towards the sea and sunshine from my property. The front garden affords the sun in the morning and afternoon and runs from East to West. There will be no music or other structures on the platform other than which is already there. During the winter, I will probably move the table into the garage for protection.

The deck does not afford me any additional view(s) of any person's property and I do not intend to increase the shape or size of the structure in any way whatsoever.

Kind regards Michael Galvin
(Owner)

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