HD Tribe Chapel of Rest Planning Permission

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West Street, Sompting

We have lived at Wheelwrights Cottage for over 30 years. For the last 12 years there has been little or no maintenance done to the building, with windows, guttering, stonework damage all in disrepair. There is a guttering on the west side of the building (overhanging our driveway) that has been half falling off for several years despite polite requests to repair it. And there has never been a need for illuminated signage.

Whilst we're not opposed to development as such, and the building does need some restoration. We are opposed to this ill conceived plan for it to be turned into something that will resemble a shed and an eyesore that is not sympathetic to the surrounding buildings or respectful of the history of West Street, Sompting.

Re. AWDM/0858/21 - Addition of black vertical weatherboard to cladding to north, east and west sides of building, infilling of 3no. existing windows to north side' new decking level with ground floor for flush, entrance, render to existing brick wall and pier and existing window altered to form new glazed entrance door and vertical slot window, existing canopy fascia covered with the same cladding as walls, green roof planting to canopy and flat roof rear extension, existing window replaced and height increased to east.

North and East Facing:

Regarding the weatherboard, it is simply not satisfactory when Laburnum Cottage, Flint Cottage and ourselves at Wheelwrights Cottage in West Street have all gone to extra expense and attention to detail to use flint and stonework to keep the buildings in keeping to what's there and to the existing and surrounding areas, similarly flush render to existing brick walls are all not in keeping.

West Facing:

To have weatherboard fitted to the west facing wall would protrude outwards into our driveway at Wheelwrights Cottage and be both intrusive, impractical and visually not in keeping with the stonework and unattractive immediately outside our back door. (We went to considerable lengths to create the extended rear building in flint and stone work to keep it in keeping with the area and the original cottage building).

Re. AWDM/0859/21 - Halo illuminated stainless steel lettering to north and east elevations.

Illuminated signage does not feel appropriate and in keeping with the local environs, which is also a residential area, from either the east facing or front north facing of the building. It will also create light pollution into our east facing bedroom window. There has never been lighting for the entire time the business has been there, in fact the lights are always turned off.

West Street Local Area Cottages

The following images show the flint and stone work cottages and buildings of the surrounding area in West Street.

The existing HD Tribe Chapel of Rest building is currently similar to these, and is sympathetic to the residential eastern end of historic West Street.

The proposed weatherboard cladding, bricking up windows and rendered walls would not be in keeping with the area and would stand out as an ugly eyesore.



Laburnum Cottage



Flint Cottage



Angel Cottage



Penfold Cottages



HD Tribe Chapel of Rest



Wheelwrights Cottage



West View



East View



North-East View

Neighbours

We spoke to local neighbours in and around the Chapel of Rest, West Street who'd received planning applications (we didn't manage to speak to all of them) and have 15 signatures of objection to the proposed plans.

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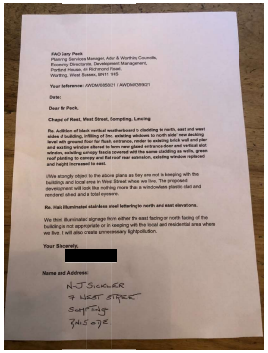
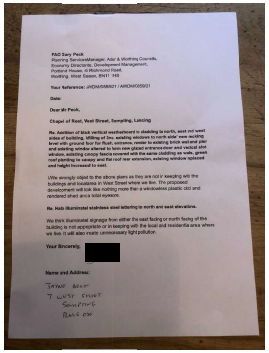
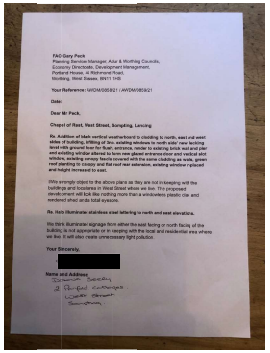
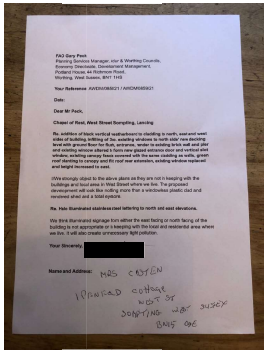
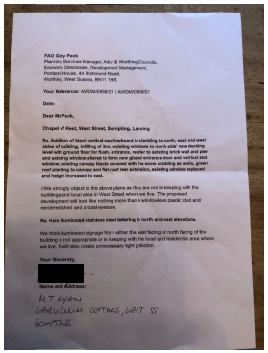
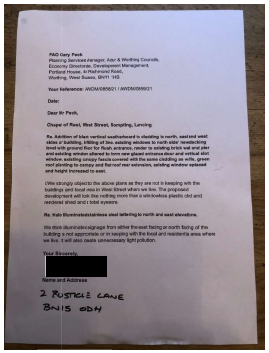
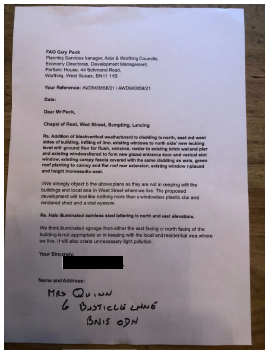
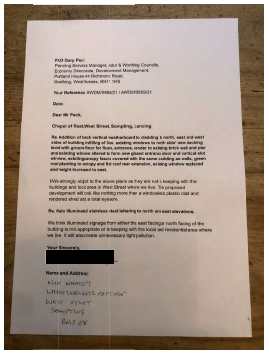
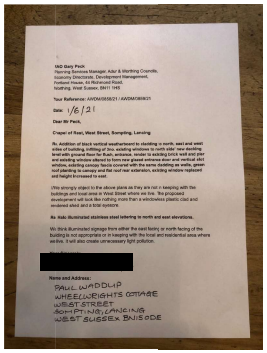
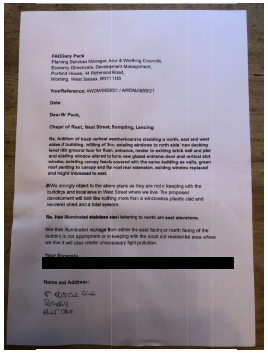
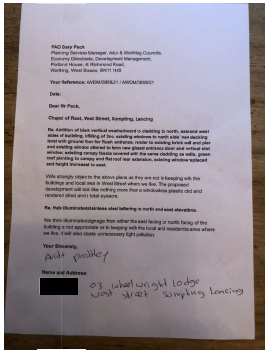
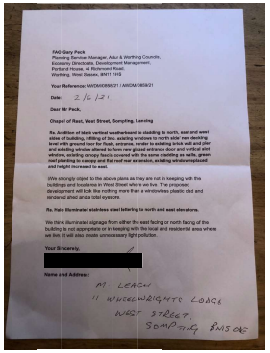
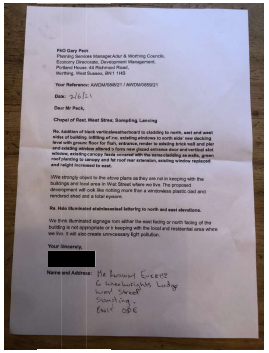

Appendices

Along with the detailed descriptions in the planning permission letter, we visited the HD Tribe branch in Shoreham to further research and understand the proposed plans and finishes.

The Shoreham site location and situation does not look as if it needs to be sensitive to the local area.









Thank you