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11th February 2016

Dear West Sussex Development Management,

**Re: 31 St. Richards Road, Southwick, Brighton, West Sussex**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 5th February 2016 and in connection to your reference: **AWDM/1433/15** for an application of Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use As Two Flats for the above for mentioned property.

We would like to contest such plans on the basis of below eight reasons, supported with pictures.

1. The current maisonette balcony overlooks our garden, providing us with absolutely no privacy.
2. Gaining access to the rear flat requires consistent additional access through a shared drive way, originally designed for only two properties.
3. There are already insufficient parking spaces in St. Richards Road during peak periods. Should permission be granted, this will only worsen this issue.
4. We have already experienced a number of incidents where the occupants of the flats have parked across the shared driveway, despite both a white line having been painted to symbolise a non-parking zone, as well as us politely asking them not to do so. This has caused us stress as there have been occasions where they have parked cars or vans across the drive for an entire day which has prevented us from being able to get needed and rightful access to our garage.
5. There is a further incident where the owner of the above for mentioned property has attempted to erect a further dwelling to the rear of the property. This was later stopped by the council, although the development, including foundations have been left as is making it both untidy and dangerous. There have also been problems with mice since the development took place. In the supplied pictures we have indicated where we ourselves have had to fill in a potential dangerous hole to prevent accidents occurring.
6. There has already been an incident where the owner of the above for mentioned property has attempted to install a gas meter specifically for the change of use to the side of the property, which would severely impact the space available to drive a vehicle up the drive.
7. We have concerns that with the current state it has been left, as well as the change of use will significantly impact the resale value of our property.
8. The events leading up to this has caused us unnecessary stress and contention between both us and owner through regular disputes.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr P Holdstock [redacted]

Mrs P Holdstock [redacted]

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