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To Development Management

Adur District Council

Attention of Carlos Hone.

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Dear Sir,

Development proposal ADC/0224/10, 114,Old Fort Road, Shoreham by Sea.

Please note that the drawings submitted are misleading in that there is no existing conservatory which could be enlarged. A conservatory is by definition a glasshouse attached to a building. Therefore this is a new building.

The drawing is not dimensioned but appears to project some 4ft. in front of an upstairs balcony and 12 ft in front of the ground floor of the house. It will extend to half the length of the garden and project beyond the rear building lines of the nearby houses

As shown the east wall is approximately 8 ft high (plus the roof) and will shade our garden and patio from the sun. This is where we sit to enjoy the beach and the sea.

Therefore we object to this development on the grounds of over-development of the site and blocking of light.

May we also point out that we are very concerned about this development because of the history of the site. - The balcony referred to was built without permission which was granted retrospectively with a condition that there should be a screen on the east end to prevent overlooking of our garden. The omission of the screen was allowed for a temporary period after a medical plea. After the relaxation period was over the screen was not replaced but an application was made for its permanent removal. This was rejected by the Planning Committee and the Planning Inspector. (ADC/0300/09). However, before replacing the screen we were visited by the builder who said very clearly *"if you insist on the replacement of the screen, we will build a balcony the full width of the house for which we will easily obtain permission and you will be overlooked even more."* This was reported to Mr Peter Barnett the planning officer for the case.

The drawings show no drainage for the glass roof, which could easily be removed and replaced by a balcony floor.

Under these circumstances we are very concerned that this present application with brick walls is the beginning of the building of the extended balcony. This is not an application for a conservatory, but the foundation of a balcony.

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