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For the attention of Andrew Clarke



Application DM/26/0121

62 Wickham Hill, Hurstpierpoint. West Sussex. BN6 9NP

Variation of condition no 4 of planning permission DM/23/2011 to allow the approved outbuilding at 62 Wickham Hill to be used as ancillary/annexe accommodation to the main dwelling

Our Society has been in existence for over 60 years and aims to protect and conserve the natural and built environment of our village and surrounding area.

We strongly object to this application and believe it is in direct conflict with policy DP26 (Character and Design) of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 – 2031.

We note that when the original application (DM/23/2011) approved the change of use from a carport/garden office to a working from home office, the reason for condition 4 was:

The establishment of an additional independent unit of accommodation would give rise to an over-intensive use of the site and lead to an unsatisfactory relationship between independent dwellings and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031.

We also note that The Lodge Annexe may recently have been considered for enforcement action under reference EF/25/0121, due to the use of annexe as a residential dwellinghouse. No formal action was taken as the breach had ceased.

From the documents submitted, it is not clear whether the building is still being used as a home office or whether a change of use is implied by this current application.

The reason for condition 4 still applies. Wickham Hill is an important entrance to the village and is characterised as a residential area with large, detached or semi-detached properties, ranging from late Victorian to modern developments. Its rural nature is emphasised by properties being set back from the road, with trees in front gardens, and retains some views to the countryside due to the spacing of the properties. Policy DP26 protects the valued characteristics of the built environment for their historical and visual qualities and, if this condition was amended, it would set a precedent for similar properties along Wickham Hill.