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Subject: Blackbirds, Bramble Hill, Balcombe

Hi Anna

In respect of the proposal to alter the existing bay windows to the front elevation of the above property, I have the following concerns:

- Firstly, we have insufficient detail regarding the appearance of the works- the manufacturer's specification provided does not show the bay window configuration which would be required.
- However, notwithstanding the above I have concerns based on the applicant's description of the works and the elevations which have been submitted as part of the application that the proposal would detract from the appearance of the façade of the building, which is open to public view from Bramble Hill. The existing windows to this elevation are timber, which is sympathetic to the traditional palette of materials prevalent within the Conservation Area- aluminium windows would not be. The apparent loss of the solid masonry piers at the angle of the bay windows would also potentially be of concern.
- The proposal would therefore in my opinion be likely to detract from the character and appearance of the house and of the wider Conservation Area, contrary to the requirements of District Plan Policy DP34.

I would not in this context advise that the applicant pursue this proposal.

Thanks,

Emily

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

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