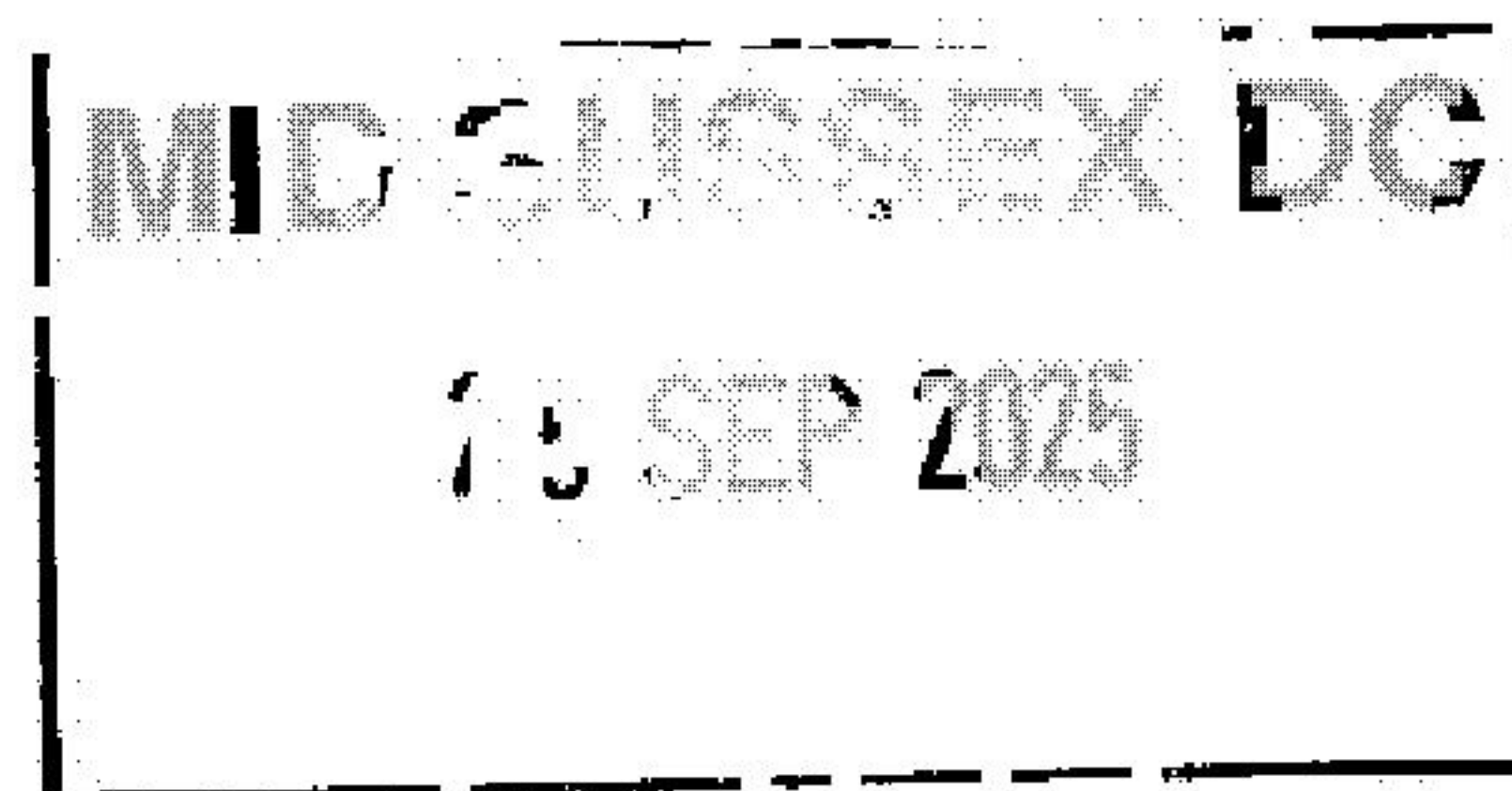




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FAO Mr Andrew Marsh

Notification of Planning Application
68 Lancaster Drive, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3XH
Planning Application No: DM/25/0824

Dear Mr Marsh,

I am writing to you concerning the planning consent that was issued to our neighbours relating to the above application, around the 8th August.

We wish to ask if there is any way in which we can appeal against this planning approval as it impacts us heavily and has/is continuing to cause us considerable anguish.

We would also like to lodge our extreme disappointment, as it appears now, to be your policy to no longer include notifying neighbours with real concerns and reservations of when such planning approvals are given. We were first made aware of this situation when we enquired of Ms Anna Tidey, the appointed Planning Officer, when she returned from her holiday on 5th September, as to whether the rumours we had heard about planning consent had been given. Her subsequent enquires revealed that indeed it was no longer the Council's policy to issue notifications to interested parties, such as ourselves, in spite of our extremely close proximity. Ms Tidey did apologise, explaining this was the first occasion she had been made aware of the change. I have to say how surprised and disappointed we were to learn that such a poor and inappropriate change of policy had been made, particularly as my investigations had led me to believe that it should not be considered unreasonable to expect final approval notifications to be issued from local authorities.

In our written objections to the 3 planning applications made, we included significant health and safety matters. Additionally on Ms Tidey's advice we engaged a lawyer to investigate the ownership of a narrow strip of land which our neighbours wished to reclaim. In our lawyer's opinion we already had 'adverse possession' of this strip of land since 1985, 12 years after we purchased the house in 1973. Ms Tidey was notified of this application by letter and email on 3rd August. We are still awaiting formal confirmation from The Land Registry. We were shocked therefore that planning permission having been given, effectively gives our neighbours possession of 'said strip'. We believe this likely to compromise our chance of obtaining 'adverse possession' and continuing to use it as we have done for the past 52 years. This strip is an integral part of our back path and very close to our back door. It will therefore impact us heavily.

We would be most grateful if you would take another look at our correspondence and let us know if there is any way for us to appeal.

Yours sincerely,

