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Dear Hamish,

Householder Planning Application for the installation of two external air-conditioning units at 78 Meadow View House, College Road, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6SA .

Please find enclosed a householder planning application for the installation of two external air-conditioning units at 78 Meadow View House, College Road, Ardingly.

The application relates to the proposed installation of two external air-conditioning condenser units serving the dwelling. The units are proposed to be located externally on the side elevation of the property, as shown on the submitted first-floor plan and side elevation drawings. The proposed location has been selected to provide a practical and discreet position for the equipment, whilst maintaining suitable access for installation and future maintenance.

The proposed units are Hitachi RAM-E40N2HAE outdoor air-conditioning units, or equivalent. The manufacturer's information confirms that the unit has approximate dimensions of 570mm high x 750mm wide x 290mm deep. The submitted manufacturer's details also confirm the relevant installation requirements, including the need for adequate clearances around the unit for ventilation, access and maintenance.

The proposed external units are modest in scale and would be read as small domestic service equipment attached to the dwelling. Given their limited size and siting on the side elevation, the units would not appear visually prominent within the wider street scene or materially alter the character and appearance of the property. Their location has also been chosen to avoid unnecessary visual impact when viewed from public vantage points and neighbouring properties.

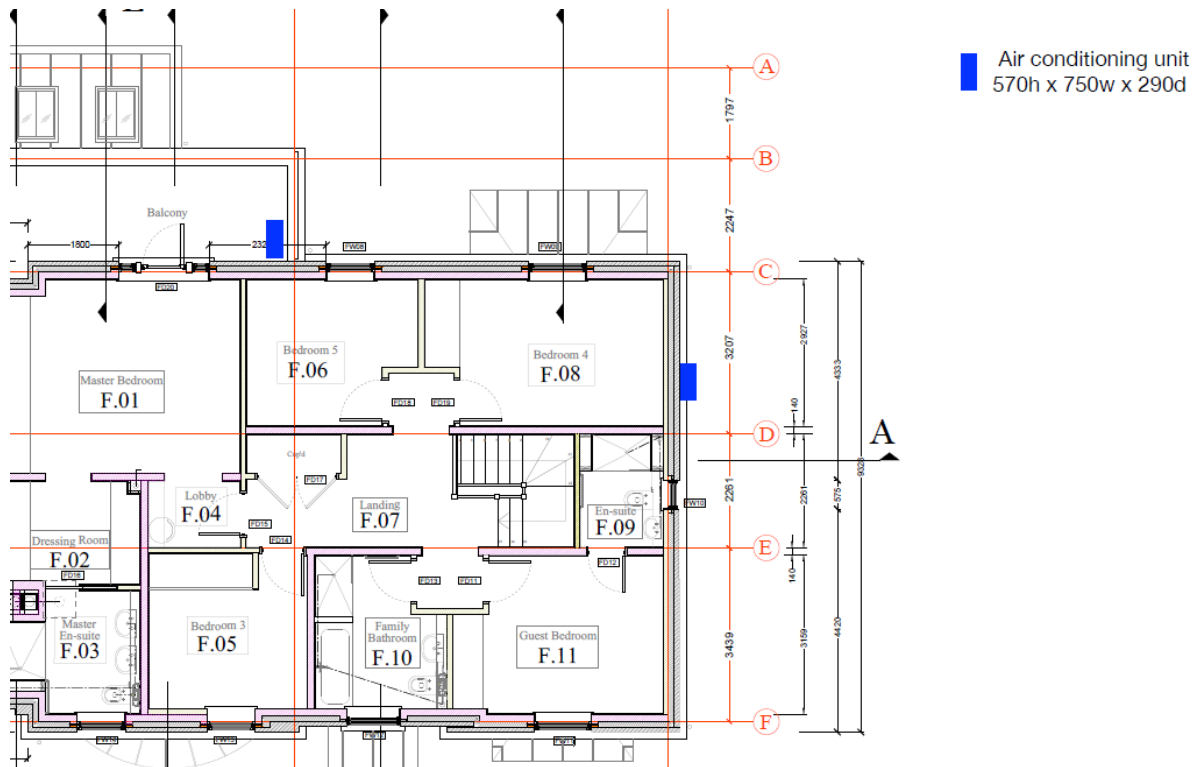


Figure 1 - Location of Air Conditioning Unit

The proposal would support the residential use of the dwelling and would not involve any extension to the property, alteration to its overall form, or change of use. The works are therefore considered to represent a minor domestic installation which is appropriate in scale and appearance for the host dwelling.

With regard to residential amenity, the equipment is domestic in nature and would be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The submitted technical information identifies the relevant operational and installation parameters for the proposed units. The units would be fixed securely and installed to minimise vibration and noise, with suitable clearances retained around the equipment.

The application is supported by the following documents:

- Completed householder planning application form;
- Site location plan;
- Block plan / site plan;
- Proposed first-floor plan showing the location of the units;
- Proposed side elevation showing the units in position;
- Manufacturer's specification and installation information for the proposed air-conditioning units.

In summary, the proposed development is limited in scale, appropriately sited, and would not result in any unacceptable impact on the character of the dwelling, the wider area, or neighbouring residential amenity. The proposal is therefore considered to accord with the relevant planning policy considerations and should be supported.

We trust that the enclosed information is sufficient to validate and determine the application. Please do not hesitate to contact us should any further information be required.

If you have any further queries or require further information, please contact me on 01903 248777.

Yours sincerely
ECE Planning



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