

10th March 2017

Planning Dept
Shepway District Council
Castle Hill Avenue
Folkestone
Kent CT20 2QY

Application no. Y17/0196/SH

Replacement of existing windows (mix of double glazed uPVC and timber) with streamlined double glazed uPVC windows | Flat B 9 Earls Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2HW

Case officer Beth Lennon

Dear Sir/Madam,

As owners of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we write in objection to this planning application. No supporting documents are available to view online and there is only a summary description of "streamlined double glazed uPVC windows".

This building is within Folkestone Leas Bayle Conservation Area and several of Flat B's windows are visible from the road and pavement. Accordingly, any uPVC specification must be sympathetic to the surrounding buildings, as well as in keeping with the style, colour and appearance of the windows within the five other flats at 9 Earls Avenue.

On the last occasion that the timber box-frame sash windows were repainted at 9 Earls Avenue, in 2015, the painting contractor selected a gardenia style matt colour. Accordingly, we believe that the "streamlined uPVC windows" application by Flat B should – as a minimum requirement – meet a cream woodgrain effect specification to blend in with these other window units.

Similarly, we believe that the type of intended replacement uPVC windows should be box-frame sash units with vertical sliding units, to match those of the windows in the other 9 Earls Avenue flats. Additionally, we believe officers should consider carefully the intended profile width/depth of any uPVC replacement units at Flat B.

Other matters we request attention to include whether any planning permission is to be granted with provisos covering relevant standards such as BS7412 and BS5713. Secondly, will any planning permission be granted conditional on use of a FENSA-registered installation company? Thirdly, will the current consultation period be extended if supporting documents are not provided (enabling us to study the intended nature, style, colour and other aspects) by the applicant?

Of the nine windows in Flat B, we understand that six retain their original wooden form and sash window structure. Three windows are of uPVC construction, but the 9 Earls Avenue Folkestone Ltd freeholders' company has no record of approving them – by way of a licence under the lease terms – nor of planning permission having been sought for them. Accordingly, you may now be asked for planning permission to replace uPVC windows for which planning permission does not already exist.

Yours faithfully

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