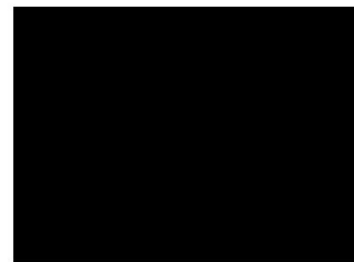


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7th April 2017

Dear Sirs

Planning Application: Y17/0312/SH, Erection of 6no. Three-bedroomed dwellings

I write as an affected neighbour of the above planning application. I object to the proposed development for a number of reasons which I have detailed below

Overlooking or loss of privacy

Based on the submitted plans I estimate the properties will be no more than 8 metres from my own property. With each property having three floors my property will be overlooked and my privacy will therefore be compromised. I have no scope to erect natural screening since the proposal will concrete over any land between my property and the new development.

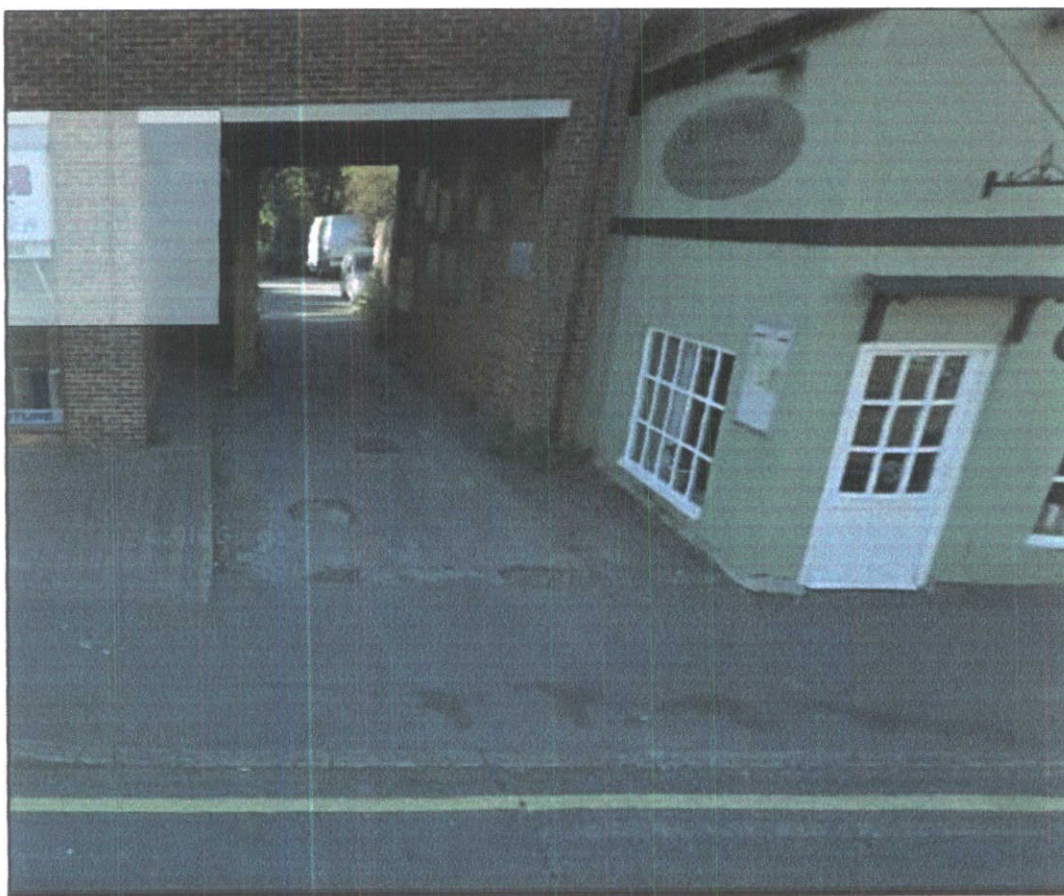
Hazards to pedestrians

Access to the six new properties will be via the existing covered driveway. This driveway crosses the main public footpath along New Romney High Street at a point where there is a change in available footpath width and a building that obscures the drive when walking east to west until pedestrians are immediately at the access. The High Street is a busy area with significant footfall. The increased vehicular traffic caused by the occupants' vehicles (likely to be two per household) and delivery vans, etc., will significantly increase the risk to pedestrians using the footpath.

New residents will also be at risk as the footpath along the drive only extends to the stairway which leads to my flat and that of my neighbours. They will have to step into the drive to access their properties.

Pedestrians are already at risk from other vehicles that use the High Street. I have witnessed many instances of drivers using the access as a turning point or temporary parking either at the entrance or even using the rear of the existing properties via the driveway.

Please see attached photograph of the access from the High Street. Note this photograph is also pertinent to the next heading. Increased Risk of Traffic Accidents.



View of Driveway Access from New Romney High Street to Proposed Development

Increased risk of traffic accidents

As detailed above there will be increased vehicular traffic caused by the properties' occupants' vehicles (likely to be two per household) and delivery vans, etc., using the access driveway. The driveway joins the High Street at a pinch point where traffic travelling west to east meets a narrowed section of road caused by parking on each side of the road. This situation is frequently compounded by the illegal parking of vehicles immediately opposite the driveway outside the Methodist Church.

Noise and disturbance

Whilst I accept there is noise from the High Street I am currently able to utilise the quieter rooms in my property that face the proposed development. With six families moving in, noise levels will undoubtedly increase both from general foot traffic, vehicular movements and children playing. Further this development would impact on the use of my balcony area which overlooks the proposed development area.

The development will entail use of heavy machinery and a significant number of contractors' vehicles accessing the site over many months this will have a significant noise and disturbance impact.

Development of a poor design or out of scale with surroundings

The development is proposing to introduce six new properties into an enclosed space with poor vehicular access. The development will remove hedgerow and trees that bound St. Martin's field and the proximity of the proposed three storey properties will have a negative impact on this local green space amenity enjoyed by many New Romney and surrounding area residents.

Impact on a conservation area

The Archaeological Report identifies artefacts most probably linked to the ancient Church of St. Martin's. I understand that the proposed development may encroach on a sacred site, i.e. the church, yet this is not disclosed nor discussed in the developer's submittal.

In conclusion, I would re-iterate my complete objection to this proposal and any variation that may be submitted. The land is without doubt totally unsuitable for any residential or industrial development.

Yours faithfully



SIMON F ALEXANDER

Enc.