Walton,Lisa

From:

Sent: 20 December 2016 14:38

To:

Walton,Lisa

Subject:

Planning Application P/16/121 Roanoke

Dear Ms Walton

I do not intend to get into a "Slanging match" with Mr Coupe, but I feel I must defend my letter of objection to this planning application so I will answer each point in the order of Mr Coupe's letter by paragraph, to yourself..

- 1) We have been away from the islands for the last 6 winters and Mrs May has contacted me several times, in Spain, in previous years via the internet, so why not now I can only presume she is trying to avoid any discussions re this application as happened with her original application, when we were actually living next door. Also both Chris and myself have between us, 9 brothers and sisters, all living on the island and all known to Mrs May so if she really wanted to contact us all she had to do was ask any of them for our contact details, or had she telephoned our home number, our phone is hashed through to my mobile phone that I carry with me at all times and she could have spoken to me direct.
- 2) Reduction in the size of the planned extension, Mr Coupe's arrival at the figure of a 50% reduction from the original plans is rubbish, there is no way you can equate a staircase as having the same effect as a solid 3 storey extension. There are no extensions to the rear building line of the houses in Porthcressa Road so this proposal will cause a significant impact on the area, especially to both ourselves at Auriga and to Number 11.
- 3) The bedroom window of the eldest child will be built into the wall of our passageway privacy, ground level, I think not! At present, unless the child is actually standing in the window of her bedroom, on the 2nd floor of Roanoke, you cannot say that she is being "viewed by numerous properties". The present distance from the rear any of the houses on Porthcressa Road to those on the Parade is the same for all of us, any extension in the rear garden of Roanoke will cause greater overlooking into the properties that it backs onto.
- 4) How can any proposals be agreed between Mr Coupe and the Planning Officer without going through the planning committee? A Juliet Balcony, whether there be "no architectural historical context or merit in Porthcrerssa Road" is still out of keeping with the rest of the buildings in the street. A previous application for a Juliet Balcony by another resident has already been refused by the planning committee.
- 5) Access to the manhole in the garage is a council problem, personally I would not like a bedroom above a sewer access!
- 6) The Right of Way down the passageway between Auriga and Roanoke is on our land. Historically there was an ongoing dispute with Ms Reseigh and Mr Phillips, previous owners of both properties, which, when we bought Auriga, we resolved by legally giving Mr Phillips and his family, and any subsequent owner of the house a right of way, both Trevessa and Shearwater, being holiday based properties had Right of way for owners only. All documentation was drawn up by our solicitors and was agreed and signed by previous owners and should have been kept with the deeds to the properties, so I am not sure how Mr Coupe concludes that any contractor has the right to use the passage.

Kind regards

Sheila Thomas