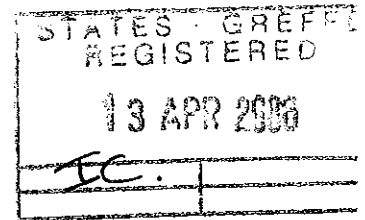


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Ian Clarkson,
Scrutiny Officer,
States Greffe,
Morier House,
St Helier,
JE1 1DD



13th April 2006

Dear Mr Clarkson,

We wish to register a complaint about the manner in which planning permission was granted in the case of the demolition of the bungalow known as 'Beau Regard' and the construction of three very tall two storey houses situated immediately in front of our bungalow.

We wrote letters of objection following the correct procedure in the follow up to the two planning applications. In our letters we objected to the following:-

1. The proposed building was not in the character of the area.
2. The building was not in character with the surrounding bungalows.
3. Noise and disturbance both as a building site and later on if the houses were occupied to their maximum capacity.
4. Significant loss of light.
5. Loss of privacy.
6. Traffic generation and road safety.
7. Car parking.

The points mentioned above are still relevant today. The loss of privacy is very upsetting – what was a rural view from our main living area is now a huge built-up development. We are very concerned about the number of clear windows which have now appeared directly overlooking us and we are extremely upset about the difficulties we are experiencing with approaching our own drive, a situation which will only deteriorate with the inclusion of boundary walls.

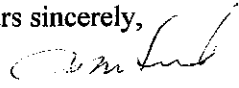

We believe that most of the other residents' letters were ignored or not recorded. When Senator Le Main was approached by me (Mrs Benest) in October last year he said that it was his opinion that there had not been enough objection to the development.

Senator Le Main showed sympathy with the concerns of the residents immediately affected by the development and encouraged us to take the matter further after the article in the J.E.P. at the end of October last year.

In December last year, Mrs Roberts and I (Mrs Benest), consulted an advocate who advised us to study the plans carefully to make sure they were being adhered to. We were becoming concerned at this point about the number of windows overlooking us as the original drawings had indicated that these would be opaque. Then we found that permission had been granted retrospectively for rooflights to be inserted.

In January this year, we were made aware of inaccuracies in the plans which were submitted to the planning department which may have influenced the final decision. The fact that there was a complete change of opinion about every aspect of the development (a row of houses - three instead of two, taking up the same space) we find very difficult to comprehend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr and Mrs E A Benest