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To: Jones, Evelyn
Subject: Planning notification 2016/6916/P

Dear Evelyn, I tried to contact you yesterday about the above planning notification but was unable to reach you. One of your colleagues gave me your email address and advised that, despite the deadline for receiving comments being yesterday, that it would be OK for me to provide comments today. This is due to me being out of the country for the last 2 weeks and I only became aware of the notification late yesterday afternoon. I live in 10 Shorts Gardens and, despite what the map shows, my property is immediately opposite the space where the new property will be built.

I have gone through the planning documentation and have the following comments:

1. The current gap between number 1 shorts gardens and the stairs to the courtyard allows light to come through which I benefit from. I was surprised that the light report only addressed properties that are adjacent to the proposed new building. Surely as I am directly opposite, there should be an impact assessment conducted for my property.
2. I don't see any structural assessment report. How do we know that the new building is viable especially as number 1 has a basement.
3. The frontage of the retail unit is not aligned with the the retail units on either side.
4. The proposed apartment has windows that do not match the style of number 1 or any of the windows in the Thomas Neals apartments opposite including my own property.
5. There is little information about how the works will be conducted. What restrictions will there be on when noisy work can be carried out? Will there be weekend working?
6. What is the duration of the building works.
7. Where will the site office be located.
8. What will the new retail unit be used for, regular shop or food and beverage? Will there be continuance of the existing noise levels that are consistent with a late night restaurant?
9. Needless to say that I am supportive of any improvements to the staircase that are targeted to eliminate the drug/anti social behaviour that has been an ongoing problem since I moved in 24 years ago. It's just disappointing that this is only being addressed now when linked to commercial opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you, best wishes, Mike Beare.

Sent from my iPad