



Subject:

2021/3494/P Netley Cottage and Grove Lodge



Dear Ms Constantinescu,

We live at Admirals House immediately adjacent to Grove Lodge and Netley Cottage.

We object to the above application relating to the properties which are immediately adjacent to our house on the basis that it destroys what remains of the properties' heritage. With the original massive enlargement of Grove Lodge it is combining these two properties together to form the equivalent of a medium size hotel and consequently losing the original character of each.

As far as we are aware Grove Lodge (or what remains of the original) is the oldest remaining building of the area. It is the old farmhouse of the farm that existed before the area grew into a village. It is significantly older than our house. Each of these three individual properties as existing at the start of the nineteenth century can be seen in the Constable painting of them presently hanging in the Tate Gallery. We consider that that relationship will be lost by this application. Netley Cottage has its own particular history including, we believe, the place where Robert Louis Stevenson reputedly wrote Treasure Island.

The previous Grove Lodge application which was approved has already removed a significant part of the heritage of this old part of the village replacing,

for example, the view of old paths and trees (the original " Grove ") with a view of railings. That has already been lost and we hope that no more of the heritage and character of what remains is to be taken away.

Regards

John and Pascal Gardiner