

Subject: Objection to planning permission at number 44 South Street, Emsworth, PO10 7EH

Ref : APP/20/00823

Dear Mr Toole

I am writing regarding my concerns re the proposed building works at number 44, South Street, Emsworth.

One of the reasons I fell in love with my two hundred year old fisherman's cottage in South Street was because of the location, near the sea and in old Emsworth, a place that as a designated Conservation Area has retained its historic character as a small, Georgian, harbour-side town. Given the protection of the conservation framework, I felt the integrity and character of this area would be maintained. The immediate area where I live consists of a small row of houses all tightly packed together near the foreshore. During the twenty years I have lived in this house we have been careful not to change its external character or footprint, simply repairing the existing structure and woodwork in keeping with the historic character. A dormer window at the rear of the property was added about 40 years ago (long before we moved in). In one sense I feel I am custodian of this house - to pass it on to future generations. I object to the original and revised planning application (APP/20/00823) at number 44 on two grounds: Firstly, the proposed dormer window is really an extension of the property. It neither 'preserves or enhances the property' in line with the Emsworth Conservation Area guidelines. Secondly, the size and structural design of the amended proposal has not changed in any way other than that it now has rounded sides. It is still too large for the property, has a flat roof and not in keeping with the traditional architecture of the surrounding area. Given the existing modern doors on the second floor at the back of the property - this proposed large box structure above it - will give the rear of the property the appearance of a modern house totally out of keeping with the traditional front.