

Comments for Planning Application APP/19/01004

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/19/01004

Address: Hewlins House, Plot 1 - The Retreat, Croft Lane, Hayling Island

Proposal: Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission APP/16/00583 (Demolition of existing stable block and erection of 1No. dwelling incorporating swimming pool and detached double garage) to vary approved plans in relation to balcony/balustrading on north elevation of dwelling and vent grill to west elevation of garage.

Case Officer: David Eaves

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: We have considered the application for Hewlins House, Plot 1. Detailed in your correspondence of 15th October 2019. Your ref: APP/19/01004. Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission APP/16/00583.

We strongly object to the proposed 800 x 800 "vent grill" to the west elevation of the garage. A garage for cars doesn't need such a feature. I would like to question the purpose for this vent grill?

I believe the vent grill is for the extractor fan of the heat pump for his swimming pool(s) to outlet, A heat pump outlet fan is similar in appearance to an air conditioning extraction unit. The noise level would also be similar. This is a large vent grill which would be positioned just 1 metre from our boundary. Another metre from the vent grill outlet we have a summer house which we regularly use. I cannot see how we can continue to enjoy our summer house with his heat pump fan the other side of the vent grill, clearly audible literally within a couple of metres from us.

I believe he has included this feature with barely a mention on his application hoping it would slip through unquestioned. I am sure he is fully aware this will be vigorously opposed if we look closely at it. Well, I have looked closely into this, and I refer you to the information I found on the internet:

The following link describes the installation of the heat pump, and illustrations showing the pump with its extraction fan:

<https://www.heatpumps4pools.com/installation-of-swimming-pool-heat-pumps>

This link shows advice for installation regarding noise levels:

Quote:

"Noise pollution is calculated during the design stage of the heat pump installation to avoid disturbing your neighbours. The outdoor unit should be sited as far away from the neighbouring property as possible."

Normally the heat pump extraction fan unit is positioned on an outside wall. It appears he is intending to mount the heat pump fan on the inside of the garage wall with only the vent grill showing on the outside. But the effect is the same.

<https://www.evergreenenergy.co.uk/heat-pumps/noisy-heat-pumps/>

This application has been prepared with no consideration for his neighbours. If he wants his heat pump fan blowing air out of his garage, then I suggest he positions it so that it exits over his own property and well away from our boundary.

I urge you investigate the purpose of the vent grill and refuse this application.