

COMMENTS REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION APP/17/01111

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1. Firstly we would like to comment on the statement that no objections had been made when the applicants discussed their application with their neighbours. As far as we were concerned we met them briefly when they were delivering a short note outlining the plans. As we wanted to read them in much greater detail when they were published we made few comments then. It was neither the time nor the place.
2. Our first major worry is the proposed change in colour to the building. They state that a number of nearby properties are variously coloured but these are all OUTSIDE the area of the Courtyard. All the Courtyard is now in white which gives it a unity and cohesion and it is after all a Conservation Area.
3. The same argument for unity holds regarding the proposed changes to the front and garage doors. Four years ago when we extended this house, both we and our architect made every effort to conform and fit in with the ethos of the Courtyard. Doors with a noticeable horizontal line would not fit in with the existing ones.
4. We are surprised that there is a proposal for a west facing window. When we built here it was made very clear from the outset that we would not be allowed a west facing window, even if unclear glass. This was obviously to protect the privacy of the gardens behind houses in South Street. We feel that the gardens of the cottages in the lower part of South Street would be equally or more overlooked from a west facing window.
5. Numerous comments are also made regarding the 'small' extension to the rear of the building and the erection of a new building in the garden. We realise these do not affect us but we feel that this must impinge badly on their neighbour to the east. The small courtyard garden of No 4 would lose a great deal of sun and light, and all privacy be lost from having the balcony above. Mention is made of the 'existing' balcony, but we understood that there is no balcony, only a fire escape staircase.

