



# The Pulborough Society

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## **Application DC 23/1649 & 1750**

**Waterside House, 17 Lower Street, Pulborough RH20 2BH**

**Part demolition of Waterside House and part extension including change of use from existing single residential unit to 6 number apartments, together with the construction of three number two bed bungalows and enabling works to the existing historic lime kiln to preserve its heritage providing a further three bedroom apartment over.**

**Preserve lime kiln from further dilapidation due to weather erosion in the form of a new lightweight structure enclosing the existing Lime kiln (Listed Building Consent)**

Dear Sirs

The Pulborough Society has requested that I contact you in order to advise that it wishes to object to the above application.

We accept that Waterside House has for many years constituted an eyesore in this Conservation Area and any attempt to improve its appearance must be applauded. We have no problem with the part of the application referring to its part demolition and extension in order to create 6 residential apartments, provided that the materials used are in keeping with the surrounding area.

We strongly object to the remainder of the application on the following grounds:

- The proposed development does nothing to enhance The Church Place Conservation area in which the property is situated.
- The proposed development will be visible from two adjoining listed buildings (Willow Cottage & Malt House Cottage), as well as the listed Lime Kiln, which forms part of this application. It does nothing to enhance the settings of these buildings and in our view detracts from them.

- The proposed development is situated on the flood plain of the River Arun and flooding events have become more prevalent in recent years. We note that the applicant has commissioned a Flood Risk Assessment; however, we feel that the issue of surface water flooding stemming from the spring line to the north of the property (which is a serious problem here) has not been properly addressed.
- The proposed building to enclose the Lime Kiln does nothing to enhance this listed building and indeed will obscure it from view and seriously detract from its setting.

The Society would sincerely request that you take these objections into account when considering this application.

Yours sincerely

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Committee member for Planning