

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the above application on behalf of residents of Withdean ward.

As officers would in no doubt be aware there was an application in 2015 for unit 2 (BH2015/03868) to install a wooden framed gloriette. This was turned down in June 2016 by committee citing that the strictures height would lead to a material loss of amenity for neighbouring properties, particularly No 49 Withdean Road, under QD27 and the plot would be over developed contrary to policy CP12. I objected to these plans as did residents and fellow ward Councillors.

I therefore object particularly on grounds of loss of amenity. Both photos 4 and 5 in the documents quite clearly show significant overlooking onto neighbouring properties with an entire view of 49's garden. Despite the covered nature of surrounding properties I do believe the structure will have an overbearing presence for neighbours further down the hill.

I also do not draw comfort from Mr Rainier's submission on behalf of the applicant that the Sky frame would only have "occasional use". Unless Mr Rainier is blessed with Cassandrine foresight I do not know how such an assertion could be guaranteed. Likewise and conversely if it is to be infrequently used one wonders why it is to be installed at all.

It is also a matter of frustration that this is a retrospective application. I am quite frankly appalled that this is due to an accident with the plans. Whilst I have never constructed anything before, I should hope that I would notice such a mistake earlier than the applicant has done.

Lastly I should ask that if officers recommend this for approval or minded to grant that this be heard at the Planning Committee for consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. Nick Taylor
Conservative Councillor for Withdean

