

Dear Lisa,

Re: Application Reference: **20240570, 11 Court Lodge, Shorne.**

We write in connection to the objection received by Shorne Parish Council and the comment from Dickens Country Protection Society.

We would like to firstly point out that the property is not within a conservation area, nor is it listed. More importantly there have been no recorded objections to this proposal from the neighbours. It is in a cul de sac of varying sized properties and plot sizes that do follow a similar design. We acknowledge that the design is modern, however, we feel that the proposal adds character to the external facade of the property. The property itself is currently relatively bland with no architectural merit. The design proposed allows the property to be transformed into a more visually appealing property, keeping the original character and giving it a modern lift at the same time.

The house is stepped back from the road with trees blocking the view of the house to the front. The trees provide cover which ultimately will blend in with the new timber clad front facade. We do dispute that this will be visually obtrusive, it brings a modern touch and blends in with its setting.

There are only seven houses beyond the property into the cul de sac, and we do not consider the proposal will impact the street scene.

We would like to advise that the first floor window to the east side will have obscured glazing to stop any overlooking issues. We do not understand the comments to the loft, as there are no changes proposed (other than solar panels to rear).

By agreeing to this proposal, we believe it will lift the area with a modern architectural style allowing neighbours to improve the aesthetics of their properties to meet the 21st century.

We are happy to discuss further or supply further information as requested.

Kind regards,