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Planning Dept
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Traders Passage
Rye
TN 31 7EX

RE: Retrospective Planning Application RR/2007/2998

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Listed below, in no particular order, are my objections to the Dovecote remaining on Oak Cottage RR/2007/2998/-

1. The item is an inappropriate precedent for anywhere in Rye.
2. The Dovecote is inhabited by Pigeons which have multiplied considerably over the past year.
3. London has spent millions of pounds trying to rid the capital of pigeons which are aptly called there- 'flying Rats'.
4. On today's National News the Mayor of Venice has ordered a hefty fine to be imposed on anyone who feeds the pigeons.
5. I know that a member of the medical profession has already spoken, as I have to Mr.Carter at the Environmental Health Dept .It is a fact that their Guano involves about 29 different diseases.
6. Many residents have been objecting to the situation for months- especially as two birds have died during the past few months and I have had to dispose of their maggoty mess.
7. The Guano apart from being disease ridden is also a dangerous hazard. It is all over the outside of the house and the other houses adjoining the property. The sun bakes it and the damp weather turns it to slime. I witnessed a male visitor only being saved from a bad fall by clutching the cast iron bollard. We cannot avoid walking on the cobbles in Rye because of the very narrow pavements. Also our windows and sills also suffer from the guano.
8. There are so many pigeons now that they spend a lot of time on our slate roofs pecking at the moss which means dislodging the tiles. We had to call out a roof tiler last week to solve such a problem. The falling tiles are obviously dangerous to passers by.

9. 'Oak House', next to Oak Corner have had to put special spiking all over the frontage as the guano was killing off their window boxes. They even bought a plastic bird of prey to hang out of their window to discourage the pigeons. The owners of Oak House are not residents but are very displeased with the unsightly mess.
10. When the leaves from the creepers on Oak Corner fall in the autumn, the foliage is so saturated with guano that they make the whole area lethal.
11. Last week, whilst Mr Mallory was away someone left a whole heap of bread in Traders Passage –more problems for us residents. How can Mr.Mallory clean his front door step when he is absent?
12. The Dovecote is a total misnomer and should be removed as soon as possible so that Mermaid Street and Traders Passage can be restored to its former glory. Then perhaps the 'Traders Passage' sign on their wall can be read.
13. Mr and Mrs McKowsky ,the owners of Oak House, next to Oak Corner, have just arrived in Rye for the bank holiday .They have said that they wish to be associated with this letter as they have one word to describe this problem 'DISGUSTING!' The owners of the house directly opposite Oak Corner has been in Australia for three past two years ,therefore is unlikely that he is aware of the situation.

To finalise this objection I would be very surprised if any member in your department would tolerate this situation should they happen to live nearby.

Yours sincerely

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