



# Waldringfield Parish Council

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**Waldringfield Parish Council Response to DC/21/2284/FUL Sweetbriars, 3 Woodbridge Road, Waldringfield IP12 4PW – Build a two-storey annexe comprising music studio for professional classical musicians, two bedrooms and boat shed. Demolish existing sheds.**

Dear Grant Heal,

Having regard for the previously approved application DC/17/2414/FUL, Waldringfield Parish Council has no objections per se to this application.

However, paragraph 2 of the Design Statement makes it clear that the annexe is to be used for long hours every day by the 4 members of the applicant's family as well as visiting guests for the purpose of music practice:

*2. It differs to accord with increasing demands on the applicant and his wife's needs as professional musicians. It is necessary for both of them to practise long hours nearly every day, separately and away from each other to maintain high professional standards. They each have a wide circle of professional musicians who may stay with them on occasion. Their two children both play instruments, also with the need for quiet individual practise facilities. The provision of a detached music room annexe with some overnight accommodation would fulfill this need.*

Clearly such extensive and concentrated usage is likely to cause noise and disturbance to neighbours in the vicinity and we would suggest that the applicant should be asked to provide detail of what additional soundproofing measures are to be incorporated into the build, in order to eliminate this issue.

Without such soundproofing details we believe that the application is contrary to:  
SCLP11.2 Residential amenity d) noise & disturbance.

As the proposed annexe includes facilities for overnight accommodation, should ESC be minded to approve the application, we would ask that the following is applied via condition:

**SCLP5.13 Residential Annexes**

Conditions or planning obligations will be applied to limit occupation to use as an annex and to prevent future use as a separate dwelling in accordance with national policy for planning conditions and obligations.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Todd, Parish Clerk – on behalf of Waldringfield Parish Council