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Dear Councillor,

The above planning application is due to be heard at the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Planning Committee meeting tomorrow January 29.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could consider the following when deciding whether to approve the application.

This application proposes to build a two-storey “garage with art studio” at the bottom of 42 Dhu Varren, Portrush. This bit of land sits on the private road Blackrock Road. This would be the first two-storey structure on this southerly side of Blackrock Road, should it be passed and built. It would be in no way in-keeping with the traditional and current arrangement of houses on Dhu Varren, which usually have a single, single-story garage in one bottom corner of their garden. The proposed building would dwarf all other buildings on this side of Blackrock Road, would block light from both 40 and 44 and would, again, not fit in with the 100-plus-year-old house styles and lay-outs in the vicinity of this historic part of Portrush. Should this application be approved, it would also set a dangerous precedent that would enable every house along Dhu Varren to do the same, effectively building up the entirety of Blackrock Road to an extent that would radically change the nature and feel of the area, and would be unsustainable for this private, unadopted road. This building - and those that would inevitably subsequently be built - is effectively a second home within a second home. It is clearly intended to be a separate living unit in all but name - in all likelihood, one that will be rented out.

I am sure you would agree that facilitating the increasing spread of short-term rentals and second homes in Portrush - at the direct detriment to the local area itself and while locals continue to struggle to secure affordable housing - is a trend that must be resisted. Portrush, and the entire north coast, has seen areas both gentrified and stripped of its historic and traditional feel. I would ask that - in this, seemingly insignificant case - the protection of a particularly traditional area of the town is prioritised by councillors.

Many thanks,

Robert Macintosh

44 Dhu Varren
Portrush

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