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Dear Liz,

Application 10 37LARK RISE, SANDY DOWN, BOLDRE, LYMINGTON, SO41 8PL
Replacement dwelling; new double garage / studio and room over; demolition of existing dwelling.

1. New Forest Association (NFA) objects to this application.
2. NFA accepts that the existing property has little merit and has no objection to replacement in principle - provided it is fairly within the 30% limit.
3. NFA objects to the changed siting of the replacement dwelling. Policy DP10 permits changed siting only where there are clear environmental benefits. NFA contend that in this case the reverse is true. The existence of ribbon development along Sandy Down is unfortunate as it limits the free movement of fauna between two areas of exceptionally high ecological. A situation made worse by the current fashion to erect high fences around properties. However unlike the location of a house this is a trend that may reverse. Any widening of this largely sterile corridor by moving dwellings further away from the road worsens the situation forever and is to be resisted.
4. NFA objects to the size of the outbuilding. Even without the need to move the replacement forward under DP10, the size of the outbuilding is such that rather than being subsidiary to the house it will simply look like another dwelling. Sail lofts are just that - lofts. The height of the outbuilding could be very significantly reduced without loss of functionality in this respect.
5. NFA would oppose any change in boundary treatment that required planning permission.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee