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Subject: **Planned development for 1 Rock Drive Portstewart**

Application Reference: LA01/ 2022/ 1540/ F
Location: I, Rock Drive, Portstewart, BT55 7PE

Dear Planners,

I write as someone who knows Rock Cottage, 1a Rock Drive well and who regularly walks past this historic cottage.

I have recently been made aware of the new height dimensions of the most recent plans for the property at 1 Rock Drive. This will include an additional Garden Room beside the garage. Both these adjacent buildings will be 3.6 metres in height which is an enormous increase in height from the current garage height of 2.62 metres. Therefore this new building, within inches of the FRONT of Rock Cottage, will be twice the width of the current garage and almost half the height again. Many homes are built close to the side of another building but not within inches of the front of a home. I understand that Rock Cottage was built in mid 19th Century and therefore must be one of the oldest properties in Portstewart. Over the years houses have been built all around it, but surely, as many agree with me, this is one step too far. It seems to be adding a final insult to injury for this lovely property which has been so well cared for and improved after falling into disrepair in the mid 20th Century. (Please see attached photos)

Many, like myself, who use this path and therefore know the area well, feel that this would be very disrespectful to this lovely old cottage .

The plan for two homes is surely an overdevelopment of the site at 1 Rock Drive.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Higgins



