WHAT IS AN ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION?

Certain minor works and alterations to unlisted buildings can be carried out without planning permission from the Council. Development of this kind is called ‘Permitted Development’ and falls in to various classes which are listed in the Town & Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995.

If the Council believes that specific planning problems exist in an area, i.e. alterations to houses that harm the character of a Conservation Area, it can make an 'Article 4 Direction' for that area, and certain types of development would no longer be exempt from the need for planning permission.

N.B. For simplicity the term ‘Consent’ is used to refer to the various types of permissions and approvals given by the Council.

THE NEW BARN FARM, FOREDOWN HILL ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION

This Direction, which was made on the 12th September 1985, relates to land on the East side of the track on Foredown Hill, Hove.

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER THIS DIRECTION:

The use of land for the purpose of motor-cycle racing (including practising) for more than 14 days in total in any calendar year and the erection or placing of movable structures onto land for the purpose of that use.

Note: The use of land for more than 14 days for motor-cycle racing was and still is already controlled under the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1977 (now the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995) and requires planning permission.
Fees:

Planning Applications needed as a result of an Article 4 Direction are not charged a fee. The Directions are revealed when a ‘search’ is made, when a property is for sale. All property, including single family houses, flats and commercial property are affected by the Directions.

If you wish to carry out alterations you should check with the Planning Department and inform your architect, solicitor or builder that you live in a Conservation Area and that there is an Article 4 Direction. If inappropriate alterations are carried out without Consent, enforcement action can be taken.