14th March 2011

21 Longmead Gardens
Havant
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The Planning Officer
Havant Borough Council

Dear Sirs

App/11/00053 – Conservatory – Variation of Planning Condition

I am writing this letter in support of a variation of a planning condition imposed on the above planning permission, namely the insistence of obscure glass in the west elevation of the proposed conservatory.

The only address which would have any contact with this proposed conservatory, would be my neighbour at 24 Southbrook Road. He would only have sight of anything above 6ft in height. His garden fence, for which he is responsible, is over 6ft in height around its entire length. Number 24 Southbrook Road borders with my property, number 19 Longmead Gardens and 22 Southbrook Road. 19 Longmead Gardens has a conservatory, made of entirely clear glass. Many of our neighbours on this estate also have conservatories, made entirely of clear glass and are as close to the boundary of their neighbours as we are, if not closer in many cases. Many of these conservatories are far more overlooked than we would ever be and neither they or their neighbours have been told to use obscure glass.

My neighbour at 24 Southbrook Road does object to the obscure glass on a visual and security basis and would support clear glass being used in any event. He has prepared a letter in support of this variation application.

The conservatory design has specifically been designed to allow side access to remain for our house. It would not be possible to view our path with obscure glass. In addition, our own view of our own garden would be compromised with the use of obscure glass as specified in the current planning permission. There are considerable security risks posed by the use of obscure glass on that west elevation. I have

spoken to local police about this very point. If the edge of our conservatory was on the boundary line, I could see the need or preference for obscure glass to be used. Our proposed conservatory is not on the boundary line and has an access path running next to it.

Our proposed conservatory has four elevations. There are brick walls and windows on the north and east elevations. If obscure glass were to be used in the west elevation, three of these elevations would not be able to be used to see out of and only the small south elevation would be clear. It would be like looking out of a box. We would also not be able to utilise the specialist Anglian 'Solaglass' which is being suggested for the conservatory side panels, to help with heating, lighting and preventing damaging UV rays. The natural lighting would be severely diminished if obscure glass were used in the west elevation.

Maximum vision is essential for conservatories of this kind, to assist with our very vigilant neighbourhood watch, and to remain in keeping with existing neighbouring properties and their conservatories.

This estate is designed for 'family' orientated housing. The creation of concealed pathways and obscured vision does not follow this reasoning and rationale. It would not be favourable to families with young children or in my opinion, be favourable with anyone to have this sort of obscurity in their garden.

To use obscure glass as suggested in the west elevation would look unsightly and be inappropriate in this particular situation.

I would respectfully ask that consideration be given to removing this specific condition.

Yours faithfully

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Bridget Dassow

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Dear Sirs

Re: Conservatory at 21 Longmead Gardens, Havant : App/11/00053

I am writing this letter in support of a variation of a planning condition imposed on the above planning permission, namely the insistence of obscure glass in the west elevation of the conservatory.

I am the neighbour directly next to 21 Longmead Gardens. I am the only potential occupier who would have sight of the proposed conservatory. I have a conservatory which is a similar distance away from the boundary line. My conservatory is made of clear glass.

In addition, and most importantly, I am responsible for the fence/boundary which exists between our properties and I have lived here for many years. The current fence is 6 feet in height and it is this height throughout the length of the fence, which goes to the end of my garden. The occupier of my address will always have the control over the height of the adjoining fence.

I do not object to clear glass being placed in my neighbour's west elevation. In fact, I support this as it would look odd and wrong to be anything other than this. We have a strong neighbourhood watch support in this area. Obscure glass prevents checks being carried out. There are a number of conservatories on this estate, none of which have any obscure glass to my knowledge.

I would respectfully ask that consideration be given to removing this condition.

Yours faithfully

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James K W Shine