

Dear Sir/Madam

I am hugely concerned about the close proximity and height of the proposed pitched roof at the rear of 57a High Street, Emsworth.

I live right next door at 1a King Street and have done since December 1995. The window on my first floor that faces 57a High Street is only 44 inches away and the proposed pitched roof is so close that it will completely block out all light to the first and second floors. This will cause a severe health and safety risk to me as there will be no light on the stairs and will significantly degrade my quality of living.

I am flabbergasted and cannot believe that the planning process or professionals involved could have permitted any thought of such an intrusion or risk to a neighbouring property. I feel certain that were this to have been suggested adjacent to their own windows, that any such proposals would have been quashed from the outset.

I am told that letters would have been sent in the post to me as the occupier by Havant Borough Council 2nd class yet I did not receive any such notification. I am aware that there would be notices posted in the vicinity, yet in spite of this I have only just become aware of these plans. It is evident that this process is entirely inadequate in notifying residents about planned works to the buildings next to them. Perhaps this is further clouded in instances such as mine where other parties are involved e.g. landlord and 2 property agents. Surely more efforts should be made to be absolutely certain that the resident is actually told about proposed developments.

I am absolutely distraught about this matter as there has been a complete disregard for my rights and needs as a resident living in the next-door property. Please contact me as a matter of urgency to discuss this and to arrange a visit.

Yours faithfully

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