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Tuesday 28th May 2013.

Our Ref : Letter of Appeal 1

Dear Mr Nash

I refer to planning app 13/00279 retention of balcony area with balustrade and side screens to existing flat roof at rear.

Please accept this letter of representation, as myself and my partner are not able to attend the hearing on 30th May 2013.

Further to the Councils Site Viewing Working Party visit on 23rd May 2013 at my property, and your notification that the Development Management Committee will consider my application on the 30th May 2013.

I am aware that the temporary screens which are in place on the sides of the balcony to provide privacy to the neighbours at 8 Whitethorn Road and 4 Whitethorn Road could be improved in appearance, I have been making inquiries about the use of colour Perspex screens. Which would be weather resistant and strong requiring minimal maintenance and keeps it's colour well, i.e. would not need to be painted, could be cut to required measurements, in addition could be cut to have a slight curve or more rounded shape on the outward edge of the screen to improve the look from both from ours and our neighbours views.

Having given this subject much thought, I believe that fitting a made to measure (light to medium grey /white or light colour screen) would provide the privacy required from ours and our neighbours views, the screen would be fixed in place to the existing balustrade if permitted. But may need some extra support, I believe the height of the screens should be of the same height and width as those currently in place, if that would be permitted.

Also we could place further screening in the front of the balcony on the inside of the balustrade if it is required made of the same material. That would also provide a screen for us from the gaze of the awful one eyed larger than life mask which Mr Davis has erected on a brick platform at the end of his garden.

The balcony in place has provided myself and my partner with many benefits, the first being the unsightly extension protruding over the boundary over our patio area the view we get from this extension is breezeblocks, tiled roof and guttering which has needed to be improved and maintained for the last six years, our balcony balustrade helps to hide this unsightly view and provides us with the security of knowing that Mr Davis will no longer be able to step from his tiled roof onto our flat roof, or allow his contractors to use our flat roof as a base to carry out repairs to his roof, which has occurred and in order to prevent this from happening the balcony had to cover the edge of our flat roof.

Mr Davis has stated that the balcony is close to his bedroom window , his entire Extension and Dormer is built on the boundary wall between our properties, his roof overhangs our property by 15inches (380mm), add to that he has replaced his Dormer window with a much larger window than was originally in place.

Our Dormer is (900mm) away from the boundary wall and the small section of our ground floor extension which the balcony sits on is (380mm) away from the boundary wall, Mr Davis roof and guttering is actually on our side of the boundary. And his Dormer actually built on the boundary which has prompted him to claim that the balcony is close to his bedroom window.

I feel that to expect us to make compromises to fit around his badly designed extensions is unfair of him despite the fact that he is always willing to point out to us that some thing is not right !

The larger window that Mr Davis replaced to his original bedroom, totally over looks our garden patio and seating area. , we have no private area to sit .

The dimensions of our bedroom are (2.95m x 3.15m) just big enough for the bed and a small wardrobe allowing the wardrobe doors to open, giving a gap of approx 500mm to walk around the bed.

If the bedroom doors open inwards onto the bedroom , that would take up the space needed to walk around the bed. The doors need to open out onto the flat roof in order to keep the space. The south facing the doors provide the benefit of air circulation which is enough to keep it cool in the evening, rather than an air condition unit which would sit on the flat roof and create noise when running. The balcony makes the roof area safe allowing us to keep the doors open when the weather is hot.

The balcony has made a practical improvement to our living conditions and outlook, creating a small area upon our property which is not overlooked.

We have a further two bedrooms both very small only suitable as single bedrooms. /storage area/ dressing room..

We ask that, you will take into consideration the comments we have made in relation to our request to be allowed to keep our balcony as it is. We can improve the look of the Balcony with Perspex screens. They would improve the look of the balcony from all views still providing privacy to ourselves and our neighbours either side .

To accommodate the improvements of adding the Perspex screens to the sides the balcony balustrades, additional supports would need to be put in place above the balustrade to secure the Perspex screens in place.

I ask that my plan to improve the screens keeping in mind the privacy concerns of our neighbours, will allow the retention of the balcony.

Please send an e-mail to me as confirmation that you have received this letter ASAP so I know that my letter will be taken into consideration before your planning meeting on the 30th May 2013.

Yours Sincerely.



David Chandler & Ann Chuter