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Your ref: APP/23/00060

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Dear Ms Price,

I have very serious concerns regarding the current proposed plans to 27 Alten Road, Waterlooville.

The proposal outlined as per the letter dated 15 February is in fact rather misleading as it states a 'single storey side extension' and a 'first floor extension with front and rear flat roof dormers', which I am sure that anyone would interpret as literally a single storey side extension, not a double storey extension, which the plans clearly indicate. The proposed 'new gable to gable pitch roof' will in fact be a totally new roof situated across the whole of the top floor and newly extended footprint i.e. 3 rooms wide, built fully over the top of the new side extension.

The plot of 27 Alten Road is an unusual triangular shape and the current house is built into the back corner which makes it sit extremely close to the boundaries of at least 4 neighbouring properties (mainly 124, 122 & 120 Silverdale Drive), and due to the angle of the current house footprint, a full-width second storey would appear to be hugely overbearing, especially with it being so close in proximity to our rear gardens.

The proposed upper rooms at the rear of the second floor would have direct and uninterrupted views not only into my garden, but also into my [REDACTED]. I would be totally overlooked and would not be able to enjoy my designated entertaining space (which includes an [REDACTED] the warmer months) in my rear garden, nor the use of my Summer House which it would directly face. I would feel extremely uncomfortable [REDACTED] whilst inside my house, I would feel the need to keep the curtains closed at all times, so I would not only be unable to enjoy privacy inside my house, but also the views across my garden from the house.

My rear garden would be massively impacted by such a large development, and is a threat to my privacy. The pleasant outlook I currently enjoy would be severely hampered.

I only recently moved to the area and was immediately drawn to it with how private and peaceful the area is, being a development of lovely, late 1940's bungalows, mostly being of the original single storey, but others with having an occasional discreet dormer extension, and if such an extension, as proposed for 27 Alten Road, would have already existed when I viewed the property, I would certainly not have bought the house. This could potentially have a negative effect on property values for our houses as future buyers would feel the same.

I therefore object to the current proposed plans.

Note: If a revised second floor extension is to be proposed, I would suggest that any rear second storey extension be obviously set within the original roofline, and that any rear windows be smaller in size and have the bottom section (minimum 2/3rds) to be frosted and non-opening, and also consider a mix of Velux windows. The side extension should indeed be a single storey, not with rooms and a new roofline created directly above it.

Consideration should also be given that any second storey extension, even revised in width and size, would have such clear and direct views into my garden and into the rear rooms of my house, so some substantial natural screening would be needed. It would be costly, and therefore impossible for me, to plant the many, mature trees required in order to maintain some level of privacy.

Best regards,

