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Dear Miss Donophy

Design: Looking at the revised build, I see very little has changed in the design or overall concept. The Gable that over looked my home/garden has now, been reduced to Half Hipped Roof, but still there are windows, which I feel very comfortable with. The extension at the rear of 32 still looks over into my garden as well as most of the surrounding properties. With the size of the extension accompanied by extending large windows/patio doors, it is totally out of concept with all the existing properties in Spring Vale. I have no objections to people wanting to extend their homes, I, as many in Spring Vale have added Dormers etc.

However, when the extension starts to impact on my life, then, as requested, I must air my concerns.

Privacy: Important to everyone and should be seriously considered on any build. The neighbours and myself, at the rear would have none, not just the ones directly behind, but others either side of 32.

Flooding: The size of the build still concerns me with flooding. This area is increasingly reverting to its natural terrain, Marsh Land, and having experienced more than once, flooding, twice, actually entering through my home, sewage as well, I feel it needs serious consideration. The past year alone, I have put up my Flood Defenses approx. 5/6 times as the flood waters from the road head towards my drive way. With the size of this build, this will only increase, adding more pressure on an already over stretched system struggling to cope.

This year is the first time I have experienced extreme difficulties in obtaining Home Insurance due to flood issues. 2016 even with the Flood Barriers fitted, we had a serious incident due to drains, as flood waters and raw sewage, unable to cope, sprawled all over my garden down towards my kitchen, nearly entering my home.

Suggestions of a soak-away to solve this, is fine for a temporary measure, but with our weather patterns changing, especially over the past 10yrs. it is not going to improve. Extreme hot, dry summers followed by long, very wet winters, and, in many areas, previously never been experienced. With our terrain being typically Clay Based, wet and dry conditions cause immense problems, and ground movement, causing subsidence, which I have experienced. A build of this size, I would have thought, warranted serious consideration, as soak-aways, in this type of terrain, do not solve flooding concerns - made very clear to me by Southern Water and the Civil Engineers who installed mine.

My concerns are as stated in my previous letter which I feel has not been taken seriously. My objections and why are clear, and anyone living in my home, having experienced years of flooding/sewage issues would feel as I do. Neighbours, stop me airing their concerns with the build, echo the same sentiments of size/design but more importantly, impact of flooding. Residents, who have not been, informed of this build, as they are not direct neighbours, also have viewed the same concerns. This is my home, where I have lived all my life and wish to continue to do so, and enjoy without the constant worry of issues raised in both my letters. I appreciate 32 want to make a home for their family, which I totally understand and fully respect, but as outlined in my response letters, I believe my concerns are valid and justified.