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Dear Mrs K Wooden

I am writing in regards to the application for retrospective planning permission of the Shed extension and home office with feather edge/shiplap timber cladding at 29 Rowan Road (Reference number APP/16/01021). My objections to this development are as follows: -

- The whole structure is made of thin chipboard, the sides covered in black plastic sheet and the roof in roofing felt, as can be seen in pictures 1, 2 and 7. It is connected to the main building and its length is almost the entire length of the garden and almost half the width. There are no proper foundations to the structure, it merely rests on the ground. I am concerned that the whole structure is unsafe and does not meet any formal building regulations.
- The structure is wired with mains electricity and I am sure it has not been formally PAT tested. This alongside its rickety structure leads me to believe that the whole contraption is a fire hazard and is a risk to my family's safety.
- The structure has no guttering at all and has been erected flush to our fence. The roof slants downwards and projects into our property as can be seen in picture 2. Therefore rain cascades down into our property causing damage to our fence panels and flooding in our garden. We have had to spend considerable money having our lawn re-laid but it remains waterlogged. Rendering our garden unusable for wet periods of weather and several weeks after. As previously mentioned due to roof projects over our garden and we are now unable to remove the fence panels to repair them.
- The structure is above the height of our fence and blocks sunlight, casting our garden in constant shadow. This makes it impossible for our young daughter to play in the grassed area in cooler climates as [REDACTED]
- As can be seen from the photos the structure is extremely ugly from our viewpoint – in the garden and bedroom windows and rear of the property. The back of number 29's Garden looks like a traveller's site (large shed, and large caravan takes up approximately 90% of the rear garden) please see picture 7. The building appears unfinished with just plastic backing visible on our side. The timber cladding as mentioned in the planning application has only been applied to the sides visible to him.

- We are also concerned that several rats have been seen disappearing under the fence and the structure in question, probably due to its poor design making it easily accessible to rodents of this nature. Please refer to picture 6.

The structure was erected by Mr Cook v [REDACTED] this structure being his base. The core of this business provides his "commercial clients a superior source for all of their building needs, main areas are Fire, Security, Health & Safety, Pest Control and Electrical." In light of this I would have expected Mr Cook be in a strong position to be able to provide this in his own office but unfortunately his contraption lacks in all these key areas.

I am sorry to raise these concerns with you, and never wanted this to become a dispute with Mr Cook. I do not enter these objections lightly. However I strongly believe that the poor design, planning and 'completion' of this structure provides an extremely dangerous and ugly addition to our area, particularly from our viewpoint. The damage to our garden and fences is a direct result of this structure. We can no longer allow our children to play safely in the garden due to the reduced sunlight and prevalence of rodents. This structure has a direct negative impact on our lives. I very much hope that you can take on board the serious nature of my concerns and objections to this planning application.



Picture 1) View from our rear garden to number 29, all that can be seen is black plastic cladding and mouldy wood.

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Picture 2) View from the rear car park. Again black plastic cladding and mouldy wood.



Picture 3) A close up of the mouldy wood, demonstrating that this is caused by the shed roof and water running off it.



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Picture's 4 & 5) The damage that has now been caused to the base of the fence panels in our garden from the shed roof.



Picture 6) Where the rat's were seen to be going through as they travelled to no. 29's side this is right in the middle of the shed's rear.





Picture 7) The view from our house across to no. 29's side a view of an ugly, unfinished and unsafe building with a great big caravan taking up the garden.

Kind Sincerely

Stephen Roberts



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