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By email

Dear Ms Haywood,

Re: Planning Application APP/15/01355

This application is for the demolition of the existing building and the construction of a new building. I am very concerned about the plans for this building.

My family have been frequent visitors to Hayling Island for the past forty years. We love boating and often launch our RIB at the nearby slipway and eat at the Ferryboat Inn.

I am dismayed at the plans for this new building. It is massively larger than the existing building and completely out of character with the nearby residencies. The visual aspects are appalling – it looks like an industrial building set for demolition.

The new building extends the building lines both to the north and the south. The upper floor terrace at the rear overlooks the private areas of the adjacent residence. That building has a Right to Light that will be compromised by the planned building. The adjacent residence will be in shadow from midday when currently it receives full sun into the evening.

There are some very questionable statements in the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. "The scale of change through additional building height is not visually significant". That's nonsense. The new building is said to be two stories but each is far taller than for a normal house. The photos show that the Deck House is almost completely out of sight in the view from the west, just the top of the roof can be seen.

Table 1 describes potential impacts on views from around but makes no mention of the views from the adjacent residence. Those should surely be included.

"The new building will be a storey higher than the existing but will match in size and scale to the adjacent house to the east". That's a nonsense. The drawings and photos show how massive and overshadowing the new building is to the south, north and in its height.

To be acceptable, the new building should have a footprint not larger, nor further north or south than the adjacent building that it will overshadow, and have two stories of domestic, not industrial, proportions. It should be built from domestic building materials compatible with the nearby residences. Descriptions in the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment needs to be more realistic and be reflective of the photos and drawings.

The planned building will be a blot on the landscape and an eyesore at the end of a line of very attractive houses.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Clarke