



2 Redlands Cottages
Redlands Lane
Emsworth
Hampshire
PO10 7SN

Havant Borough Council
Att: Mrs S Chisnall
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1st October 2016

Your Ref:
APP/16/00853

Dear Sirs

Re: Proposal: Two storey front extension

Site Address: 1 Redlands Cottages, Redlands Lane, Emsworth, PO10 7SN

We write in response to your letter of the 27th September 2016, this, we would like to add, is the first letter and not the second letter in respect of this application, as you have informed us.

We are most vehemently opposing this development proposal to this property in the strongest manner possible and outline our objections as follows:

We live and have lived in both No 1 and No 2 Redlands Cottages for the last 71 years, during which time, have seen many developments and building in Redlands Lane and the surrounding farmland. These changes have gradually been eating away at our views as well as the general openness of our home, but have accepted this as unavoidable. However, since the building of the new Redlands Grange Estate (causing, incidentally much confusion to post deliveries etc.), we found ourselves completely blocked in and although were assured we would still have "views across to Westbourne Church", our outlook only extended to the end of our drive and Redlands Lane.

Since purchasing No 1 Redlands Cottages, our new neighbours have further contributed to our misery and lack of privacy in our own grounds, by firstly installing what they said would be two small sheds in their back garden. This was originally landscaped with mature plants, but these were ripped out to

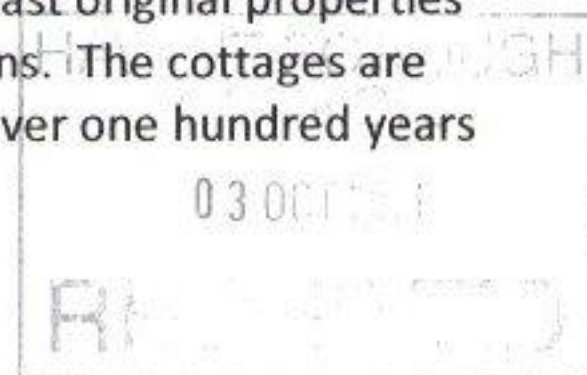
make way for not two sheds, but one very large cabin style summerhouse, this now being fully fitted out and equipped as a working office area, with power, lighting, phones, etc. They did comment to us on passing one day that they had mentioned to themselves, that they did think we would have objected had we known what it was they were actually building, but it was too late once it was erected, as it is installed on a large and raised concrete base. With this installed at the top of their back garden, we now have no privacy in the garden or indeed, in our kitchen, as the windows look directly down our garden and into the house.

Secondly, they then pulled down the existing fence between their garden and the lane, which was approximately four foot high, allowing us some access of view out from our garden. In place of this, they had installed a higher six foot fence, further blocking us in. Our only view from our garden was then restricted to our back fence, (when we weren't having the feeling of being watched from the log cabin), but as a further aside, they seem to feel they have ownership of the grassed area at the back of our properties, this being owned by Havant Borough Council, now using it as their own car parking space, blocking not only directly behind our fence, but also the road sign of Birch Tree Drive, and also the pavement, on what is a particularly blind spot at a tight junction.

Finally, to hem us in even further, they have allowed their privet hedge marking our front house boundaries from the properties to our drive way, grow to an approximate height of six feet and climbing. This not only blocks our view totally to the outside, but in addition, any additional light.

Should you allow this proposal to extend their house go through, you will only serve to block all additional light into our garden, but also hem us in completely. You will also prevent us being able to see anything from our front bedroom window, giving us an outlook onto a brick wall. This will absolutely make our lives a total misery, as the only pleasure and feeling of privacy we have nowadays, is when we can look out of our bedroom window in the morning with our cup of tea and see down the lane. All we will have with an extension built, will be to look out and count the bricks, not a prospect we accept at all.

Finally, we would add, that these two cottages are the last original properties in Redlands Lane, being small farm cottages with gardens. The cottages are also kept to the same colour through the years, being over one hundred years



old and known by people as a commonly accepted form of landmark in the lane when directing strangers, as they are distinctive when driving up into Redlands Lane. To build onto the front of No 1 will not only take away the majority of their garden, but also dramatically destroy the equal appearance of the cottages to the observer, destroying the traditional look of semi-detached farm cottages in this region.

We would like to mention, finally, that in the past, applications have been made to extend up at the back of the cottage and were turned down, as well as one made to install a porthole shaped window to the side of the property. This was also rejected at the time, due to the taking away of peoples' privacy.

Because of this and our other reasons as the attached neighbours to no 1, we most strongly object to ANY proposals to extend this house upwards at all, as this will block all our light, take away any outlook from our property and complete the absolute feeling of being prisoners in our own home.

Yours faithfully

Mr W J Chalcraft ..

Mrs S Chalcraft ..

Ms T C Chalcraft ..

