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Planning Application no APP / 26/00135 21 Wensley Gardens Emsworth

I am writing to formally object to the proposed extension at no 21 Wensley Gardens [redacted]

My primary concern relates to the new first floor level of the proposed extension which will be adjacent [redacted]. The inclusion of the new first floor level front facing window will impinge on my privacy as it will directly overlook [redacted] The presence of this new window in such close proximity would result in direct overlooking, leading to a clear and unacceptable loss of privacy.

[redacted]

I am also concerned about the overbearing impact of the proposed development in so far as it affects [redacted] A structure of this scale positioned immediately next to the boundary would create a dominant and intrusive feature when viewed from [redacted]. The close proximity of such a large bland solid brick wall would significantly alter the character of the space and create a sense of enclosure, which would harm the outlook and enjoyment of the adjoining gardens.

In addition, the height and position of the extension so close to the boundary raises concerns about a potential loss of natural light. The plans as presented suggest that the development would reduce the openness that currently exists. Although there is some screening from trees in the summer, I am also concerned that these trees may not continue to thrive with less light. There is also some potential for loss if the roots are affected by any new foundations required for the extension.

Planning policies generally seek to protect the residential amenity of neighbouring properties, including privacy, outlook, and protection from overbearing development. In its current form, the proposal does not appear to adequately consider these impacts.

If the planning authority is minded to approve the application, I would respectfully request that conditions be imposed to mitigate the harm. In particular, the window facing my garden should be set back, be smaller and/or fitted with permanently obscured glazing and a non-opening design to prevent overlooking.

In summary, the proposed height, mass and bulk of this first floor extension would seem to be an unsympathetic development that is overly prominent, harmful to the character of Wensley Gardens and detrimental to the rear gardens of the adjacent properties.

For the reasons outlined above, I ask that the planning authority carefully consider the impact of this proposal on neighbouring residential amenity and

refuse the application in its current form.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]