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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. application reference number: DM/25/1050

With reference to the above planning application, **we object to these plans for the following reasons:**

Property Design

- The proposed site is cramped and surrounded by properties on all boundaries (front, back, left and right). Essentially it is a new property that has been squeezed into the back garden of Barn Cottage. This is an overdevelopment of a small plot.
- Anybody walking down the left-hand side of the proposed new building will have a clear view into our property – it is unacceptable for us to lose this privacy.
- The gap between the proposed house and our boundary is very narrow with no space to plant and establish a natural privacy screen.
- Our only source of light in the upstairs hallway will be severely blocked by a brick wall facing the north elevation of our house. The view out of our window will be a brick wall.
- Situated directly under an existing tree canopy, the new property will be dark and the living conditions for future occupants will be unpleasant.
- The design is plain and not in keeping with the surrounding properties.
- Furthermore, it will increase noise and disturbance within an already crowded neighbourhood.
- You are welcome to visit our house to see how our outlook will be drastically different.
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This is not in the neighbourhood plan

- Ansty is already overdeveloped and has limited potential for further growth.
- This proposal adds yet another house to the hub of an already overcrowded village which currently has only one local amenity (the Shell garage).
- The proposed property would not benefit the local community.
- This is an opportunity for a landowner to make money by squeezing a big property into a small space.
- Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council have also raised an objection to this planning application because it is not in the neighbourhood plan.

Environmental

- No consideration has been given to the impact on ecology or biodiversity.

- There would potentially be a significant impact on trees and wildlife.
- The proposal is not in keeping with the current strategy for sustainable growth in the area.
- This would be a further intrusion into green space.

Conflict of Interest

- The architect for this property (Malcolm Avery, Places Architects) is also a Councillor for the Ward of Cuckfield, Bolney & Ansty.
- Essentially, the architect and the landowner will both make money as the architect is also a councillor for the ward who is potentially involved in planning decisions.

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