

Andrew Horrell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 September 2026 07:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: RE: Re: RE: RE: Re Planning Application No: DM/26/1510

Dear Andrew, please use the below email correspondence as my formal representation letter to the planning department for formal review/consideration in regards to the above referenced planning application.

Kind Regards,

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Sent: 2 September 2026 22:38:43 BST
To: Andrew Horrell <andrew.horrell@midsussex.gov.uk>
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: RE: Re: RE: RE: Re Planning Application No: DM/26/1510

Dear Andrew, thank you for your response. If I understand this correctly, it seems I need to formally object to the proposed plans (?) unless our neighbour independently updates/submits plans, which given the 3rd September deadline for responses, this seems unlikely. On this basis please see my formal objection below:

While I am not objecting in principle to my neighbour having a reasonable garden development, the current proposal, by virtue of its 3.85m overall height, 2.2m eaves height, sloping nature of our gardens creating an elevated finished floor level, and position directly on the shared boundary line, will cause a severe loss of residential amenity to my property.

1. Severe Loss of Privacy and Direct Overlooking

- **Elevated Floor Level:** The natural slope of our gardens west /east from the house end towards the gardens drops approximately 500mm. Adding any floor construction and damp-proof membranes will mean the wall height (2.2m) to the gable plus the ridge line of the roof will make the structure significantly higher than the 3.85m
- **Ineffective Boundary Protection:** This raised floor level brings a standing person's eye line near the end elevation bifold doors to over 2.2m. This completely neutralizes the screening provided by our boundary fence, effectively meaning our neighbour can look directly into our garden.
- **Intrusive Sightlines and noise:** Occupants using these large bifold doors will have direct, uninterrupted sightlines straight into our private outdoor amenity area, with the added potential of noise, since the plans are for a gym (tradmills, wieghts etc as well as music - given most people listen to music or other

entertainment while using a gym), especially in the summer when we would be using our garden and bifold doors would typically be opened.

2. Overbearing Impact and Oppressive Massing

- **Amplified Scale on Sloped Ground:** Building this 3.85m gabled structure immediately adjacent to our shared boundary fence creates a visually dominant wall. Due to the raised ground level, the perceived height and scale from our property will be significantly higher than 3.85m.
- **Sense of Enclosure:** The physical bulk of the 2.2m eaves and ridgeline creates an unneighbourly effect, resulting in an oppressive sense of enclosure that fundamentally alters the open aspect of our garden.

3. Overshadowing

- **Daylight and Sunlight Restriction:** The position, ridge height, and orientation of the gabled roof directly on the boundary line will block lower-angle daylight and direct sunlight to parts of our garden that currently enjoy late afternoon sunshine.

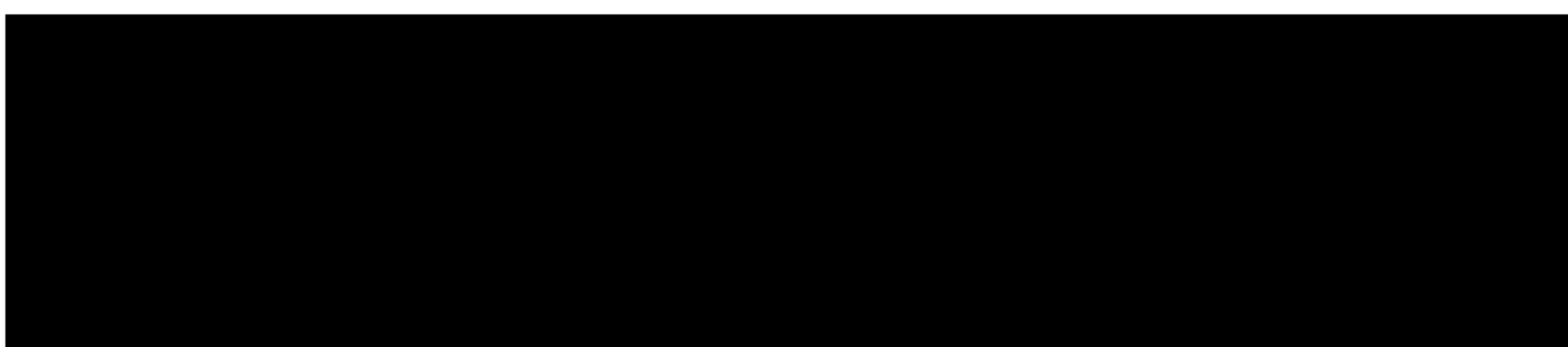
Conclusion and Requested Action

The proposal as currently submitted represents an unneighbourly development significantly impacting my residential amenity. I respectfully request that the Planning Authority refuse planning permission for this application in its current form. Alternatively, the applicant should be required to significantly reduce the overall height, lower the finished floor level to match existing ground levels, and set the structure back from the shared boundary by at least 1m (compared to the 300mm currently proposed). This seems to be a reasonable compromise based on permitted development rules (i.e. requiring at least 2metres for structures whose height is greater than 2.5m).

In their application they reference another application for a similar structure that was approved (DM/23/1847 - 46 Hassocks Road Garden Room), I do not believe this to be a comparable development given that the location of that structure is away from theirs and their neighbours boundaries (at the bottom of everyone's gardens) so there is no loss of amenity or any overbearing nature of the structure impacting anyone.

I would appreciate being notified of any revisions to the plans and any updates or timings of actions/next steps in the process.

Yours sincerely,



Sent: Wednesday, September 2nd 2026, 17:25