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29th January 2025

Dear Mr Horrell

Application No.: DM/24/2927 - Meadowside, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down

Part Single & Part Two Storey Extension

Thank you for your above notification and my wife and I would like to formally comment on this application as follows.

Although we appreciate that some extension to properties in this area is inevitable we do feel that the extent of this proposal is excessive. The two storey section would extend dramatically into the plot [the single storey section even further] and would be extremely close to our boundary [which in our view is shown incorrectly on floor plans]. With its overall height and depth, therefore, this would be particularly overbearing and block a good deal of [sun] light from our living room, main bedroom, and outside dining/entertaining area.

We would also question whether the size proposed for the suite of rooms comprising the main bedroom isn't somewhat extravagant.

In addition we would like it to be clear that the single storey areas are, in fact, not merely "alterations" as stated in documentation but are substantial extensions which equally extend deeply into the plot and practically occupy its full width.

Overall, therefore, we wonder if a more modest proposal further away from the boundary and less deep would be more appropriate.

Other observations we would like to make include:

Trees - the application states that there are none relevant but there are, in fact, a number on our boundary and at risk namely a specimen conifer, two Cordylines [Torquay Palms], a fig, and bay tree, and a large conifer within 7/8 metres. [photograph attached]

Bathroom Window - on West elevation [using north pointer from site/block plan] would be very close to and, even though obscure glazed, would overlook our property/outside entertaining area via the opening section. We feel an obscure glazed high level [1.8m +] horizontal slit window would be more appropriate.

Materials - the application states "to match existing" which we would strongly support especially in the rendering and painting of the upper west elevation overshadowing our property to minimise the impact of what will be a high wall. Equally the tiled façade roof on the single storey sections will reduce and improve their visual impact.

Finally may we request to be kept informed of alterations/amendments/further submissions, and suggest a site visit from an appropriate officer to fully appreciate the context and impact of the proposal. We would be happy to offer access to our property if that would be helpful.

We also look forward to hearing the outcome and please contact us if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

