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Dear Mr Owens, Ms Cardin,

I refer to the recent letter from our neighbour via their representative and wanted to clarify a number of points for your information. Please note, we have carefully considered the concerns raised by the neighbouring occupier regarding loss of light and the alleged impact on neighbourliness.

- Regarding the previous application for 7 shenstone (08/00385/FUL, 2008), the original report from the planning officer had recommended approval for that scheme. Despite this recommendation the case was subsequently called in and turned down (reversed) at committee and Appeal level. In response to the concerns raised, we have already made substantial amendments to the proposed design. The proposal has been considerably scaled back in order to reduce its impact on the neighbouring property, including reducing its overall massing and ensuring that the development is less imposing than proposed in 2008.
- We fully appreciate that any new development adjacent to an existing property can result in some perceived change to the outlook or light enjoyed by neighbouring occupiers. However, the amended proposal has specifically been designed to minimise these effects and we consider that the remaining impact is proportionate and acceptable in the context of the site.
- In our new design we wanted to ensure the impact on the neighbouring property was significantly reduced and has been taken into consideration in the new plans. With regard to the reference to “unneighborliness”, we have sought throughout the application process to act reasonably and constructively towards the adjoining occupier. The amendments to the proposal demonstrate that we have listened to the concerns raised previously and have made significant compromises to the original design as a direct consequence.

We respectfully consider that the planning assessment should focus on the objective impact of the amended proposal on neighbouring residential amenity, rather than on whether the neighbour is personally satisfied with the development. We believe the amended scheme represents a reasonable balance between the proposed development and the protection of neighbouring amenity.

We therefore respectfully request that the application is assessed on the basis of the amended plans and the reduced scale of the proposal.

With regards

