

Andrew Horrell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 July 2026 16:58
To: Andrew Horrell
Subject: Re Planning Application No: DM/26/1510

[REDACTED]

Dear Andrew, I would just like to follow up on my call to you last week regarding the above application made by my neighbour at 49 Hassocks Road. For reference my details are as follows:

[REDACTED]

Address: 51 Hassocks Road

[REDACTED]

As discussed on the call, the purpose of my phone call to you was to understand the planning process and timelines, and also understand what say we may have in relation to the application.

As I mentioned, we had a preliminary discussion with our neighbour, where we primarily discussed the positioning of the replacement building as it appeared to be positioned closer to their house (and our property) than they had anticipated. They have subsequently updated this (30th June update). We also briefly touched on the overall measurements of the new/replacement building and at that time our understanding was that did not appear to be much bigger than the existing structure. However my neighbour has since provided the actual measurements (L:8.54m, W:5.5m, H:4.295m).

As I mentioned on the phone call, the land slopes/drops away towards the east of the property so the height on the eastern end (the garden end) will be significantly higher than at the western end (nearer their house) - I estimate the slope/drop is approximately 0.5-1m (from one end to the other of the 8.5m length of the proposed structure). My concern is that, especially given the plan is to build right up to our fence line, the height will be closer to 4.8m-5.295m at the garden end and be somewhat overbearing. Also, the proposed 4.295m ridge line seem excessive for a typical garden room/annex and more akin to a single storey bungalow, especially as (as far as I understand) under permitted development the limitations for such garden/annexes (right next to our property would be 2.5m), otherwise it has to be 2m away from the fence.

You mentioned you would be doing a site visit sometime soon and we would like to have the opportunity to discuss this. We are hoping to have another chat with our neighbour this week (hopefully before your visit) to discuss alternatives (lower pitch/ridge, alternative to pitch roof etc, and necessity of having what would (given the amount of other windows/light) appear to be a purely aesthetic arch window in the end elevation which seems to push up the height of the ridge line).

Yours faithfully,

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