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Dear Ms Cardin

Planning Application No DM/26/0478 17 Barnfield Balcombe Haywards Heath RH17 6FW

The occupants of No 17 are good neighbours to us and to our street community and so it is with some reluctance that we submit the following comments.

We feel strongly that this proposed roof extension will be detrimental both to the Barnfield development and to our property No 14 Barnfield, which sits immediately opposite No 17.

This application is radically different to other recent Barnfield loft applications as it is the only one that seeks to increase the existing roofline. The owners of No 11 Barnfield had originally planned to extend their roofline (not as substantially as No 17's current plans) but following discussions with neighbours and others decided not to do so.

The No 17 applicants made an earlier application to MSDC (DM/25/2676) which was a normal loft conversion that involved no roofline changes. MSDC approved this on 4 December 2025. We were perfectly happy with this plan and indeed submitted no comments on it.

The amended application is a different matter as it will destroy an existing and attractive roofline. It will replace it with a large obtrusive and overbearing roofline.

We live immediately opposite No 17 with 6 key windows facing it. If the application is approved unamended we would be looking every day at a much larger roof, from our kitchen window, hall window, lounge window, and upstairs from our main bedroom window, landing window and a spare bedroom window.

We attach photos of the existing outlook from our kitchen window & our bedroom window, and the plan for the proposed new roofline which illustrates the magnitude of the changes sought by the applicants.

The original Barnfield development completed in 2022 contains a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses. It was designed with different appearances and a variety of rooflines with a view to creating attractive homes with different identities. This objective would be undermined by the roofline extensions now

proposed for No 17. The character of the original 'pocket' development would be changed forever. A characterful and elegant existing roofline would be replaced by a domineering, oversized and hugely less attractive one.

Thank you.

