


24 St. Wilfrid's Road
Burgess Hill
RH15 8BD

21st August 2025

Mid Sussex District Council
Attn: Stefan Galyas

Subject: Objection to Planning Application No: DM/25/2010

Dear Mr. Galyas,

In a short space of time, we find ourselves needing to object to Mr & Mrs Webbs overbearing plans again. We are writing to formally object to the proposed development at 22 St. Wilfrid's Road, Burgess Hill (Planning Application No: DM/25/2010), which includes a loft conversion incorporating hip to gable alteration and removal of hipped roofs to the rear and creation of a balcony at second floor level. While we fully respect homeowners' rights to improve their properties, we have serious concerns regarding the impact this development will have on our home and quality of life.

Key Concerns:

Loss of Natural Light and Sunshine

- Our conservatory, which serves as a vital daily second living space for our household of four, would experience a significant reduction in natural light. This space was specifically designed to be bright and airy, and any overshadowing would greatly diminish its intended use.
- Our rear patio, designed for outdoor enjoyment both am & pm, would also suffer from a substantial loss of sunlight. This would negatively affect our well-being and daily living experience.
- The rear bedroom of our home would be overshadowed, particularly in the afternoon and evening, depending on the season.

Loss of Privacy

- The proposed second-floor terrace/balcony, would directly overlook our garden (and neighbouring gardens), patio, conservatory, and rear bedroom, creating a significant privacy intrusion. This would greatly impact our ability to enjoy our home and outdoor space without feeling exposed.

Overdevelopment and Visual Impact

- The property has already undergone multiple extensions, and this additional development would be excessive for a semi-detached home. The scale of the proposed modifications would be out of character with the surrounding properties and could set an undesirable precedent for future overdevelopment in the neighbourhood.

Noise and Disturbance

- We have already endured considerable disruption due to construction at this property, with noise sometimes continuing from 8 AM until as late as 11 PM. While we appreciate that home improvements can be necessary, the extended duration and intensity of construction have already impacted our household significantly. With one family member working from home and another retired, further prolonged noise and disruption would be extremely challenging.

Additional Concerns:

- The planning notification and provided designs lack detailed measurements, and the drawings are noted as “not to scale.” This raises concerns about the accuracy of the plans. When the applicants initially discussed their intentions with us, they only mentioned a loft conversion and a ground-floor extension—omitting any reference to the first- and second-floor extensions or the large terrace/balcony.
- Approximately 15 years ago, the previous owners sought a rear extension, to which we objected on similar grounds. At the time, the Council supported our concerns and required a reduction in the first-floor extension size. We respectfully urge the planning committee to review those records and consider this precedent when evaluating the current proposal.
- A further extension to the existing extension on ground level has been granted and this is not reflected in the drawings for this proposal.
- We note that the attached plans do not accurately reflect the current rear structure of the house, as the existing first-floor extension is not a flat wall as shown. This is concerning, as it suggests the first floor may also be extended, which we have previously objected to and would breach the 45-degree rule.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb remain committed to their plans despite concerns raised by neighbours, and the property has been fully surrounded by scaffolding for over eight months.

Considering our noted concerns, we respectfully request that the planning committee carefully assess the impact of this proposal and reject the application in its current form. We would be happy to discuss our objections further if needed and welcome another visual inspection to view the potential impact to our property.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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