

Catherine Cardin

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To: Catherine Cardin
Subject: Application DM/25/2127 5 Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint

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Dear Catherine,

We are writing to you with respect to the proposed extension of 5 Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint. We have been made aware of the planning submission and consultation letter from the council under application DM/25/2127.

We are the next-door neighbours at No. 3 Highfield Drive, but unfortunately don't have any contact details for our new neighbours [REDACTED] (who we've only met very briefly) and her partner [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but we haven't yet met)) and therefore cannot get in touch with them directly to discuss the proposed extension as they have not yet moved into the property. Regrettably, we have therefore been unable to discuss the concerns we have with respect to the impact of their proposed extension on our property. We fully support our neighbours right to have an extension and understand this application is submitted under Permitted Development; we would just like our concerns to be considered and if possible, taken into account within the design so its impact on our property and privacy are reduced.

Our two main concerns are the impact on our privacy and the amount of light which will be blocked from coming into the garden as a result of the length and height of the proposed kitchen extension which will be built to the west side of our boundary when facing our house. From the plans, we are assuming this extension starts where the existing outdoor brick cupboards are situated, and projects 3m out from this point.

Firstly, this is quite a significant increase in length to the rear side of the building directly adjacent to our property that, due to the relative height difference between the two houses and the inclusion of a window on its east facing side, will create a view directly into our back garden thereby significantly compromising our family's privacy. We would therefore ask that any proposed windows on the east facing ground floor side of the extension are obscured to prevent a direct view into our garden.

Secondly, due to the length of the proposed extension and relative height of the two houses, the height and shape of the proposed roof on the kitchen will block late afternoon and evening light into our garden and onto our patio. Due to the slope between the two plots, our garden is set much lower than that of No. 5's, so a roof height of 3.327 m will have a significant impact on the amount of light into the garden and especially our patio area. We would therefore respectfully ask whether the roof shape could be changed to a fully flat roof, rather than one with a partially sloping roof, to minimise the height as much as reasonably practical and therefore reduce the amount of shade created into our garden.

Finally, if the length of the extension could be reduced by no more than 1m, this would also have a major impact on the amount of light coming into our garden and move the proposed window slightly back to prevent loss of our privacy by seeing directly into the garden.

Kind Regards,

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