

## Anna Tidey

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Dear Anna,

I hope you are well.

I am writing regarding our planning application for a front, side and rear single-storey extension at our property - 66 Meadow Drive, Lindfield (Ref: DM/26/0157), submitted on 22 January 2026.

Before addressing the planning concerns, we wanted to raise an issue regarding the most recent plans on file. We were surprised to discover that the rear extension appears to have been removed from the scheme. We had not agreed to this amendment and were not aware that the application had been revised in this way.

Unfortunately, the revised layout does not achieve the purpose of the project. The proposal is intended to provide a wheelchair-accessible ground-floor bedroom and shower room for my wife, who is disabled and living with cancer. These facilities would be created within the footprint of the existing kitchen, with a new kitchen located within the proposed extension. Without the rear extension, there is insufficient space to accommodate the replacement kitchen, meaning the scheme no longer meets the accessibility and practical needs that led us to submit the application.

For this reason, we would respectfully ask that the revised plans are withdrawn from consideration and that the original proposal is reconsidered.

We understand that the application could not be supported because part of the proposed rear extension falls within Flood Zone 3b. Our initial intention was to await the formal decision and then submit an appeal. However, before taking that step, we wanted to contact you directly in the hope that we might be able to work together to find a solution that addresses the Council's concerns.

The primary purpose of the extension is to enable my wife to remain in our family home while maintaining close access to our children's school, our local support network and the nearby hospital. For our family, this proposal is not simply about creating additional living space but about adapting our home to meet essential accessibility and care needs, both now and in the future.

We fully appreciate the importance of managing flood risk and would be willing to incorporate any reasonable mitigation measures required. We would welcome the opportunity to work with the planning team to identify appropriate drainage solutions, construction methods and design features that would make the extension resilient to any future flooding or standing water while satisfying the Council's requirements.

We are also aware of a recently approved application at 23 Meadow Drive (Ref: DM/25/2235) for a substantial two-storey wrap-around extension. From our understanding of the flood mapping, that property appears to have a greater extent of Flood Zone 3b involvement and is also located closer to the river and culvert. While we appreciate that every application must be assessed on its own merits, this approval makes it difficult for us to understand why our more modest proposal, which is intended to meet the needs of a disabled family member, cannot be similarly accommodated.

Many properties on Meadow Drive have also been extended over the years, including our immediate semi-detached neighbour and the property directly opposite. In comparison, our proposal is relatively modest in scale. We would therefore be grateful to understand whether there are specific measures, assessments or design amendments that enabled other schemes to proceed and whether a similar approach could be considered in our case.

We are keen to work constructively with the Council to reach a solution that balances flood risk considerations with our family's circumstances and accessibility needs. We would welcome the opportunity to mirror any reasonable flood mitigation measures that have been accepted elsewhere on Meadow Drive if this would assist in progressing the application.

If possible, I would be very grateful for the opportunity to meet with you in person. Would you be willing to visit the property so that we can discuss the proposal, view the site and surrounding area, and explore whether there is a way forward that is acceptable to all parties?

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

