Comments summary

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Reference	DC/25/0545
Site Address	1 Castle Rise West Chiltington West Sussex RH20 2GT
Case officer	Shazia Penne
Proposal	Erection of a single storey extension to existing garage and conversion of half of existing garage to provide additional living space with gym above, together with new link to main dwelling.

Comment details

Contributor address	Kirklea, Church Street West Chiltington Pulborough RH20 2JW
Comment stance	Object
Commenter Type	Neighbour

Comment

Overall, we do not have an objection to this proposed work, however we do have concerns over a significant reduction in our privacy should it go ahead as per the supplied information.The Heritage Statement (ref. 2025.457) states "although the extension has a large amount of glazing overlooking the garden it sits down in the site and doesn't overlook any other properties". This may be true of the new link section and the ground floor, but the Proposed Elevations drawing (ref. 2025.457.04) appears to show glazing from the ground right up to the apex of the garage.The top 2 metres (approximately) of the existing garage is clearly visible over the boundary fence between our property and 1 Castle Rise, so any unobscured glazed areas of the proposed gym on the first floor of the garage would afford clear views into our third bedroom, kitchen and garden, negatively impacting our privacy. Conversely, we would be able to see anyone using the gym. It is not clear from the Elevations drawing whether the works will be carried within the existing roofline of the current garage, or if the height is to be increased, but any increase in the current height of the garage would make this situation worse.The application form (Planning Portal Reference: PP-13909833) states in the Trees and Hedges section: "Hedge behind the extension to potentially be pruned". If this refers to the laurel hedge between the boundary fence and the garage, then this may afford even less privacy.

Reason(s) for comment

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