Subject: Objection to Planning Application – DC/24/1753

Dear Ms Bayliss,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed house extension at 29 Morrell Avenue, Horsham, RH124DD under planning application DC/24/1753, particularly due to the proposed pitched roof design. I have several concerns, which I would like taken into consideration -

1. **Loss of Natural Light**:
   The erection of a pitched roof would substantially reduce the amount of natural light reaching the rear of my property. Taking into account the direction of the sun throughout the day, this would have a significant impact on both my conservatory and more so my lounge, making these spaces noticeably darker. The loss of sunlight would diminish the overall enjoyment of my home. [redacted].

2. **Damp and Shadowing Concerns**:
   The pitched roof would block sunlight from reaching the area behind my garage, which already suffers from dampness. This area would remain in almost total shade for much of the year, with very little sunlight, except maybe during the height of the summer months. I am concerned that this will exacerbate existing damp issues, potentially causing damage and inconvenience.

3. **Visual Impact and Privacy**:
   The side pitch of the roof would be an eyesore, having an undesirable obtrusive visual impact particularly due to the proximity of a neighbour's roof along the side of my property spoiling my view from my garden and conservatory. I purchased my property specifically for the unspoilt views and privacy it offers, because I couldn't see my neighbour's properties or into their gardens from my own garden area, and they couldn't see into mine. Unfortunately, the removal of many of the trees and shrubs has already impacted this, and the pitched roof would further degrade the visual appeal of my garden, which is what I specifically purchased my property for. The erecting of a pitched roof would vastly spoil the aesthetic quality of my home and become an intrusive view.

4. **Preference for a Flat Roof**:
   While I do not object to the extension itself, I very strongly oppose the pitched roof design. I would have no issue with the extension if it were to feature a flat roof, as this would mitigate the loss of light, reduce the awful visual impact a neighbour's roof at the side of my property and garden would have, and preserve my enjoyment of my own property.

I respectfully request that you consider these concerns when reviewing the planning application. I believe that a flat roof would resolve many of these issues and be a more suitable solution for both my property and the surrounding area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

31 Morrell Avenue, RH124DD