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Sent: 26 May 2024 19:04
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0718

Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 26/05/2024 6:58 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Danhill Farm, Green Meadows Harbolets Road West Chiltington West Sussex RH20 2LQ
Proposal:	Roof alterations to create study and additional velux windows to three elevations
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address:	North Barn Harbolets Road West Chiltington

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	We are direct next door neighbours to Green Meadows, we live at North Barn, Harbolets Road, West Chiltington, RH20 2LQ. My wife and I have multiple strong objections and comments related to this application. 1. Regarding the proposed new velux window in the north elevation of Green Meadows - we have the following serious concerns. a. It overlooks not just a portion of our outside living space, but it gives direct line of sight into a bedroom, study, downstairs toilet and utility room, and extremely concerning to both of us - our upstairs bathroom, so we consider that it impacts our privacy enormously. b. Secondly, assuming this proposed new velux window would be opened a degree of 'new' noise and disturbance would potentially be an issue which we don't currently hear. c. We don't understand the necessity for this additional window at all, given there are already two existing windows in that room, one on the gable end and a velux window on the other side of the pitched roof? 2. The proposal to raise the roof line on the west elevation - as explained above, we do use all the rooms along the south side of our house daily, all of which have very small windows and are relatively dark already - in fact we frequently need to use both lights and heating in those living rooms, and so raising that roof line to that extent would have a significant impact on the light which comes into the bedroom, the study (where I work from home up to 4 days a week) and our downstairs toilet and utility room. I think this would be considered as overshadowing given the proposal to raise the roofline on a two-story building to further deduct light from an existing single storey building and potentially necessitate additional energy use in both lighting and heating. 3. Green Meadows has already previously been extended from the original building which was converted at the same time as our property, and this had already included an additional study, which is downstairs. 4. We understand that a member of your team visited the site last week. It would be difficult to see just how close the proximity is between our house and Green Meadows without attending on our side of the fence. The rooms we talk about being light restricted are in a single storey section of our house, which is on the North side of Green Meadows - which is obviously a two-storey dwelling. This means that we are already in the shadow cast by Green Meadows for a large portion of the day, so any additional height on their two storeys would most definitely restrict our light further. Please feel free to make a site visit to our side of the fence to see how close and how impacted we already are by Green Meadows taking the best part of the light. 5. We would also like to flag an error in the planning application documents which are uploaded onto the portal - Green Meadows does not own, as shown on the plans, the driveway from the road up to Green Meadows. In fact, they own a very small proportion of the driveway which goes from the edge of our property - North Barn - to the section which is owned by [redacted] at Oakwood Barn. I'm sure this was a simple mistake, but nonetheless would, we assume when corrected that it will impact the application in terms of the proportionate volume extension allowance. [redacted]

[redacted]

Overall, having lived at North Barn for almost 12 years now we do feel very strongly indeed that we should be allowed to continue to enjoy the light, view, quiet and privacy which we purchased and indeed have had access to and enjoyed in our home for that significant amount of time.

Kind regards