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Dear sirs,

3 May 2025

Re: Planning application DC/25/0545

I am submitting comments on this application by post as I find that the planning portal has been taken offline until 7 May. The deadline for comments on this application is 8 May so I also plan to submit online when the portal is available once more.

These comments are made as an immediate neighbour of 1 Castle Rise and concern a loss of privacy, which is a stated relevant planning consideration.

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.

I would be grateful for an acknowledgement of receipt of this comment either by post or by email at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

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