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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0196

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 29/04/2024 10:55 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	7 Beverley Road Henfield West Sussex BN5 9FP
Proposal:	Conversion of loft with two pitched roof dormers on the front elevation and installation of rooflights.
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address:	6 Beverley Road Henfield

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the planning application [reference number DC/24/0196] submitted for the proposed loft conversion and installation of two pitched dormer windows at 7 Beverley Road, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9FP. My objection is primarily based on the significant loss of privacy that would result from the proposed planning development. As the owner of 6 Beverley Road, opposite this property, I am deeply concerned that the positioning of the loft conversion and dormer windows would directly overlook my property, leading to a complete invasion of privacy for myself and my family. I recognise that overshadowing and loss of privacy are key relevant planning considerations.

While I acknowledge that there may be precedence with the presence of dormer windows in the adjacent property at 9 Beverley Road, that particular house was built with dormer windows in place as part of the Barrats development of the estate and was designed as such - this was not the case with 7 Beverley Road, this is a retrospective design.

It is also crucial to note that the house opposite 9 Beverley Road, number 8 is set further back than the distance between 6 and 7 Beverley Road, allowing for a degree of privacy that would not be afforded in this case. The curvature of Beverley Road is also such that 6 and 7 Beverley Road are closer in opposite proximity than 8 and 9 Beverley Road.

To allow this development to go ahead would mean that the new two proposed dormer windows at 7 Beverley Road would overshadow my property. It would compromise the privacy of my home - if it went ahead, you could literally look out of the second floor dormer window right down into my living room or front office (I work from home a great deal of the time).

Given the proximity and positioning of the proposed dormer windows, there is a legitimate concern regarding the intrusion into our private space and the potential for increased noise and disturbance, including but not limited to the building work. Beverley Road (a private road, not yet adopted by Henfield Parish Council) is slightly narrower than other roads in Henfield and if building vans were parked outside the property to carry out the loft conversion works, this would cause disruption to the whole estate and general highway safety (there are a great number of families, young children and dog walkers who walk on the estate).

I urge the planning authority to carefully consider the implications of this development on all neighbouring properties, including the loss of privacy for 6 Beverley Road, and any associated impact on quality of life. I respectfully request that the application be rejected or modified to address these concerns adequately. I would also respectfully request a site visit by the planning officer to see for themselves, as it is not possible to get a sense of how this development would overshadow and lead to a loss of privacy without seeing it for yourself.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust that you will give due diligence to the issues raised and make a decision that prioritises the interests of all affected parties.

Kind regards