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Subject: DC/25/0872 Cray Depot Road West Sussex

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Subject: Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side/rear extension, first floor rear extension, installation of ground floor windows and alterations

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application on the following grounds:

1. Loss of Privacy and Overlooking

My flat directly overlooks the rear of the proposed development site, and the extension would result in a significant reduction in privacy. The proposed works would allow for direct views into my property, especially from the first floor. One of the key reasons I purchased my home was the privacy afforded by the existing mature trees and limited visibility into neighbouring properties.

2. Loss of Trees and Visual Amenity

This proposal will require the removal of existing trees that currently provide vital screening and natural view from 4 of my windows. These trees are especially important in maintaining privacy and the character of my flat. During the winter months, the loss of leaves already reduces this screening, and further tree loss will exacerbate the issue. The removal of trees would also negatively impact local biodiversity and contribute to the urbanisation of what is currently a greener and more pleasant environment.

3. Noise and Construction Disruption

I am concerned about the increased noise levels and disruption the building works will bring. I work from home so will have to listen to this daily [redacted]

This is especially relevant as I am preparing to sell my flat in the next year, and such disruption could significantly affect both the saleability and value of my property. The extended construction period, noise, dust, and general disturbance would negatively affect the enjoyment of my home.

4. Negative Visual Impact

The proposed development would result in an unsightly view from my windows. The rear extension and changes to elevation will alter the visual character of the area, introducing a more intrusive and built-up appearance.

5. Increased Light Pollution

The additional windows and extended structure will result in increased light pollution, particularly in the evenings. As someone whose windows directly face my development, I am concerned about how this artificial lighting will intrude into my living space. This will have effects to over five flats!

For all the reasons stated above, I urge the Council to refuse this planning application in its current form. I trust that the Council will give careful consideration to the detrimental impact this proposal would have on neighbouring properties and the character of the local area.

Yours faithfully,

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