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To: Planning
Subject: Your ref DC/25/2039 - Erection of two storey rear extension at 18 Bethune Road, RH13 5JP

Categories: Comments Received

Dear Meg

We are residents of 16 Bethune Road, RH13 5JP. Thank you for your letter dated 18 December 2025, we wish to comment on the above planning application.

We fully appreciate our neighbour's desire to extend and improve their property and have no objection to the development in principle. Our comments relate solely to the impact of the proposed rear two-storey extension on the amenity of our property.

Our main concern is the effect of the height and depth of the extension, which would impact the natural light coming in through the window of our staircase. The window brings in a considerable amount of light into both of the floors of our home; the window runs parallel to the building and proposed extension. Due to the close proximity of the rear two-storey extension, the proposal appears likely to result in a noticeable reduction of daylight into our home.

We understand that the Council commonly considers the impact of extensions on neighbouring windows by reference to angled daylight guidance taken from the centre of affected windows. In light of the orientation of our window and its relationship to the proposed rear two-storey extension, we are concerned that the scale and siting of the development may not adequately safeguard daylight to our property.

We respectfully ask the Council to assess the proposal against Horsham District Planning Framework policies relating to design quality and the protection of neighbouring residential amenity, including adequate levels of daylight. We respectfully ask the Council to consider a design which could help mitigate the impact the rear two-storey extension may have on our rights, as although we have no objection to the development in principal, we do not wish to waive our right to light.

These comments are made constructively and we would welcome a solution that allows development to proceed while protecting neighbouring amenity.

Best

Residents of 16 Bethune Road, RH13 5JP

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