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Your reference AWDM/1533/16

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your letter dated 6th December 2016 regarding the planning application the Council has received for 30 Lynchmere Avenue, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 0PD.

Removal of obscure glazing to east elevation window I understand to be the removal of the skylight that existed in the roof of the extension. When the extension was re-roofed in April/May 2016 the skylight was not replaced.

No addition or enlarged windows on east elevation ?

A high set existing window, approximately 1 foot high by four foot wide, was replaced on the 13th May 2016 by a new window, approximately 2 foot high by 2 foot wide. It may not be larger than the existing window but the existing window afforded both properties some privacy, whereas the new window robs both properties of privacy.

The existing window was high set, inasmuch as the residents of 30 Lynchmere Avenue could not look over their window sill and into my property. The new window is deeper and now allows the residents of 30 Lynchmere Avenue to look over their window sill and into my property.

The 2 metre high wall that is the property of 30 Lynchmere Avenue is now inadequate to provide privacy due to their new lower window sill.

I object to this loss of privacy.

I am not planning on moving, but if I were, this alteration to the east elevation extension window at 30 Lynchmere Avenue has made my property less desirable and lower in value.

I am OVERLOOKED by the upstairs bedroom window of 30 Lynchmere Avenue and now with this new alteration to their ground floor extension window I am now DOUBLE OVERLOOKED.

From my kitchen window anyone can now see into the hallway at 30 Lynchmere Avenue and if you were standing at their new altered window you would be able to see directly into my kitchen.

Not that that has happened but it has the potential to do so. I hope you would agree a hallway is a transit area whereas a kitchen is an activity area.

It is unlikely the residents of 30 Lynchmere Avenue would agree to restoring the existing dimensions of the extension window so that only leaves their 2 metre high brick wall. I understand a boundary wall has a 2 metre limit which is fine for a flat earth policy but we do not live on a flat earth. Their boundary wall needs to be one foot higher to compensate for their one foot lower window ledge.

I can understand property owners want a window with a view, but that view is the rear of my property, that view is at my expense, that view is my LOSS OF PRIVACY.

If I was considering moving I could plant three or four fast growing conifers to try to restore the privacy looking west at the rear of my bungalow and leave the problem they can cause to others. I have had a problem at my parents property with fast growing conifers and therefore am reluctant to do so.

The Council would be welcome to visit me and look out of my kitchen door window and tell me what you think.

If the residents at 30 Lynchmere Avenue are entitled to keep this new altered window then I assume I have to live with this problem. Live with this loss of privacy.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Thomas Hassett