Matthew Porter

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Sent: 24 August 2012 00:39
To: Matthew Porter
Subject: AWDM/0947/12 (Attn. Matthew Porter)
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Dear Mr Porter,
Thank you for sending me the above plan revision. Having now looked at it carefully, I cannot see that any of my previous objections have been removed. I hope you still have the photos I submitted last time. If not, please let me know and I'll forward them to you. My OBJECTION is formalised below - with some new observations added - and duplicated in the .RTF document attached. I hope it can be accepted in this form to meet the deadline for comments.
Thank you for your help and consideration.
Yours faithfully,
Dr Michael Evans

OBJECTION

Your reference: AWDM/0947/12

Application objected to: Two storey extensions and roof lights over first floor bedroom (Revisions to AWDM/1035/11).

Location: 2 Park Lane, Southwick, West Sussex.

Objector: Dr Michael J. Evans

Objector's address: 4 Park Lane, Southwick, BN42 4DL.

Grounds for objection:

1. Overlooking, loss of privacy and light;

2. Noise and disturbance, as well as smells;

3. Consequent loss of earnings;

4. Design and appearance;

5. Highway safety, traffic and parking.

Details:

These are essentially the same objections as I previously raised against the earlier application. The revisions do not substantially remove them. I do not wish to repeat myself, so will merely highlight some key aspects of my previous objections. I can send you the original if required.

1.There are currently no upper storey windows on the west side to overlook my patio, where I

sunbathe and sometimes teach in the summer; I do not wish any further deterioration to my privacy.

Substituting roof lights for the previously proposed dormer on the west side of the upper storey does not in any way mitigate the loss of my privacy, as these windows will be at the same height!

The new profile of the extended southwest corner to the upper storey, though not as high as in the previous plan, will still cut out winter light: see the photos I previously supplied (from January 2nd, 2012; I still have copies that I can forward if you have destroyed the old ones).

**I understand that although Mr Kennedy has not alluded to this in the revised plan, he intends demolishing and rebuilding the huge dark shed I mentioned in my previous objection. He intends turning it 90 degrees and placing it deeper in on the property, to the northwest, where it will further remove sunlight from my garden shrubs and flowers, as well as from my breakfast room and patio.

2 and 3. Such extensive rebuilding work will cause a lot of noise, disturbance and dust, over several weeks at least. Because of previous illness I work from home to offset some of my Pension Credit, by teaching overseas students and sometimes hosting them. They need a quiet, peaceful environment to study well. I also write language learning materials and do proofreading plus translation jobs at home during the day, and need peace and quiet to maintain a high level of concentration. I will lose all these sources of occasional income during any building operations, and will be further impoverished.

4. I note that the complete ground plan of 2 Park Lane is not presented. This gives the impression that it is a small house; but it's actually twice the size, and already looks as if it is squeezed on to its plot. Indeed, at some point in the past the house's previous owners purchased the half of their neighbour's garden that would have abutted my property, and built this monster, leaving succeeding neighbours with almost no light at all. No. 2 already has an attic conversion with Velux window, etc., so there is no shortage of space in the house. Any further enlargement, especially upstairs, would be completely out of keeping with the nature of The Green and Park Lane housing.

5. Park Lane is a bus route with restricted parking: double yellow lines on both sides, and this part of the road is on a dangerous blind bend with two junctions where parking is already quite wild. Access for any builders' vehicles will be very restricted. I well remember how inconveniently and dangerously the previous workers parked their vehicles when Mr Kennedy had his drive relaid on the southwest side of his house - and they were there for only about a week. Incidentally: the drain and stormwater piping would need to be relocated from under that drive, if the southwest corner were extended. Where would pneumatic drilling equipment be placed?

It should also be born in mind that this is a major thoroughfare for pedestrian pupils at three local schools to go back and forth. There have been several near-misses on Park Lane there recently.