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From: Ann French [redacted]
Sent: 26 April 2021 20:00
To: Planning <Planning@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: Representation against FP/86/21/PL - 7 Ambleside Close

Good evening,

Please find my letter of objection against the proposed development at 7 Ambleside Close.

The proposed home has been designed in a way so that there is an extensively glazed front and rear on the first floor, and I notice how the front bedroom windows of the proposed property would look directly into our landing window, with a direct view into my son's bedroom, and also potentially looking into my upstairs bathroom. Much like in any home, the majority of my family's time is spent in the kitchen which is also an open plan dining area, and this will be directly looked into from the bedrooms of the proposed home. My kitchen window is over 3 metres long and 0.9 metres tall and this means that whilst eating in the dining area of the kitchen, we will be looking into the bedroom of the proposed property, and the residents in turn will be looking in upon ourselves. I am very concerned that there will be no privacy for any party, and I cannot satisfactorily live my life being looked in on.

The property would directly overlook both my own patio area and the garden of 14 Derwent Grove, and this will significantly reduce the enjoyment that both properties can enjoy from the facilities. I am also concerned that events such as barbecues at my own property or Derwent Grove may result in cooking fumes blowing directly into the proposed property.

Being that the property looks out on both myself and 14 Derwent Grove, I also worry for the residents of the proposed house, who will be looked in on from both addresses, in what must feel like a goldfish bowl - this isn't any way for a family to live.

Even since Ms Bottomley arranged for the mature and beautiful trees, full of nesting birds to be cut down, the garden has continued to offer refuge for a variety of wildlife and this would be disrupted or destroyed by a new property being placed among it. Having been fortunate enough to have been brought up in a property with a substantial garden, and having raised my own children in a property with a large garden, I know how the outdoors space is invaluable to a young family, yet the application is proposing to tear apart the existing garden, depriving future families the chance of enjoying this.

The cul-de-sac has always been the perfect place for young families. The children that have been raised here have grown up and they too return to bring their young children around. I am concerned for their safety should an additional property be built, as this creates additional traffic, both during construction and when the residents move in. Since the last application was submitted, due to a series of unexplained marks that appeared on our vehicles whilst on my driveway over the years, my husband erected a fence between my driveway and that of number 7 Ambleside Close. I am concerned that the sharp turning angles of the new driveway may mean that less attention is paid when vehicles manoeuvre into and out of the proposed parking spaces, and this, combined with the obstruction to visibility from our fence, may result in an incident where a child is hit. When my son brought his first car, Ms Bottomley in conversation advised me that this obstructed her view when she wanted to pull out of her driveway. She also advised how there were already many cars in the cul-de-sac with associated parking issues, and I am concerned that another property would worsen these issues. After my husband erected the fence, Ms Bottomley approached my husband, and advised him that now there was a fence between our driveways, she could not get out of the car should she pull in forward. This suggests to me that the proposed driveway is not wide enough for the residents of the proposed property to be able to get out of the car closest to the fence, should they drive in forward, and I do have concerns that this is not practical for the new residents.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my representation against the proposed development.

Kind Regards,

Ann French