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2025/0177/P	Peter and Harriet Getzels	28/01/2025 16:15:56	INT	<p>We did an extension with infill on the adjacent ground floor flat, 95 Savernake Road, permission granted in August 2023. Our first comment is that with our architect we gave thorough consideration to the pros/cons of keeping the original Victorian bay window at the side. Keeping this light source would continue to allow a lot of light into what otherwise would be a dark space. With the interior size of our flat's open plan extension, blocking off that light source would have made the first third of our kitchen dark if not gloomy. Since the Victorians designed these terraces to capture that side light, we decided to keep to their wisdom and replace the bay window with a large window to bring light directly into our cooking area. To do this we created a small lightwell. A glass door to the lightwell brings additional brightness into the dining area. In short, rather than capturing a few square feet of interior space, we chose to ask permission to maintain the original feature of bringing light into that area, by replacing the bay window with a large window and a tall glass door. The applicants are proposing to add one meter of height to the lightwell wall we were permitted to build, to allow them to build out as far as possible. This wall was designed both for privacy, and for letting much needed light into both our cooking area and our dining area. We believe the additional height will defeat what we set out to achieve, greatly reducing the amount of light coming in to two much used areas. In short, we sustained an important light source that has been in that space since original construction. Obscuring that source of light by raising the height of that wall darkens our interior space in two critical places and nullifies what we did. Second, the infill and garden extension appears to be adjacent to the garden wall we rebuilt/constructed to accommodate our very similar extension. We would like to request more detail on that plan; specifically whether they plan to use our wall or leave a space and build their own wall. Our understanding is that a Party Wall Surveyor needs to be involved on this matter. We are asking for more information on that part of the plan. Thank you.</p>
