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2015/4151/P	Paul Cousin	4 Oak Way Harpenden AL5 2NT	11/08/2015 11:59:56	OBJ	<p>I own 15 Rudall Crescent. The side elevation of number 13 overlooks the front of my house. (due to the crescent curving at this point). Currently when someone comes out of the side door they look straight into our bedroom (sometimes the room is used as a 1st floor living room). The distances are very close, for example when someone sits out on the 1st floor terrace of number 13 we hear their conversations very easily even with the windows close.</p> <p>My main objection to the proposed design is that the new side doors will increase overlooking to our bedrooms on the 2nd floor of our house and living room / bedroom on the first floor of our house. The current door is a single door and half wood and half frosted glass so although we are overlooked when it is open it isn't a problem when it is closed.</p> <p>From the look of this design it appears they are hoping to increase the door from a single to a double and it will be clear glass. This means the front windows of our house will be constantly overlooked and very closely overlooked at that. Could I request these new side doors are frosted as is currently the case to avoid this overlooking? Ideally the door would stay a single door as we still have a concern about overlooking when the doors are left open in the spring and summer. The rear bi fold doors proposed would give plenty and easy access to the terrace anyway.</p> <p>A further objection regarding the double doors to the side is that they are visible from the street and not in keeping with the other houses in the row, particularly given this is a conservation area.</p> <p>I am more than happy to give you access to number 15 so I can show you how close and overlooked the rooms are.</p> <p>The second point I wanted to mention is the replacement of the current fence with a glass fence. Could I request this is frosted too for the same reason as above. It is possible this is the intension anyway. Could I also request this is the same height as currently (again I believe the intension but it would be good to have confirmation). Any higher and our house will start to feel very closed in because this fence is only a couple of metres from our windows. With the fence any lower we would get very closely overlooked. It would be like someone standing 2 metres from your bedroom window and looking in.</p>
