

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/5840/P	David CA Moore	12/12/2019 13:00:49	OBJ	<p>I object vehemently to the proposal by these developers to retrospectively obtain approval to lower the opening height of the rear-facing windows (2019/5805/P).</p> <p>The original application was granted in the teeth of strong opposition from neighbouring residents, and the one sop to those neighbours was that their privacy would be protected. This retrospective application removes that protection. It would bring the opening height of the windows to well below eye level and entirely destroy the privacy of neighbouring residents.</p> <p>The supposed reasons given by the developers for this change are unlikely to be valid - the real reason is that the windows have already been installed and the developers wish to avoid the cost of replacing them. I fully expect the Council to insist on compliance with the conditions under which planning permission was originally granted.</p> <p>I further note that the windows, which have been installed since early July, are not obscurely glazed as required in the planning permission. After a series of objections and discussions with Council agents and attempted discussions with the developers we have been told by the building manager that an obscuring film will be placed over the glass. This is not acceptable, as the film will look tatty and will peel off over time, leaving neighbouring residents in the invidious position of having to police the appearance of this objectionable building.</p> <p>In addition, ever since the installation of the windows we have had zero privacy, because of the lack of obscure glazing, and every day for the last five months we have had to deal with workmen looking in at our activities. This is simply unacceptable. If proper obscure glazing had been installed from the start, none of this would have been a problem. The Council must insist on compliance with their condition, which specified that the windows be "obscurely glazed".</p> <p>Thus both conditions that were meant to provide protection of neighbours' privacy have been ignored or compromised. The Council must insist on full compliance with the conditions under which this project was granted approval.</p>
