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Dear Rebecca Harrison BA (Hons) MA MRTPI,

Subject: 7 Denesway – Planning Application, Ref. No: 20231312

Date: 07/03/2024

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of the revisions made to the drawings and plans associated with the above-referenced planning application. These amendments have been guided by both the valuable feedback provided by the Gravesend planning guidance and in lieu of the comments received from our neighbours.

Understanding the importance of maintaining the harmonious character of our community and the well-being of our neighbours, we have undertaken a thorough review of our proposed development. This reflective process has led us to implement significant changes to our plans, aimed at addressing concerns regarding the potential impact on natural lighting levels for neighbouring properties.

In response to the feedback, we have proactively revised the design of the property to ensure it remains sensitive to the surrounding built environment and the living conditions of our neighbours.

Key changes include:

Setback of Front Elevation: The front elevation of the first floor has been set back by an additional 1 metre. This adjustment not only reduces the visual bulk of the building when viewed from the street but also aids in minimising any overshadowing effects on adjacent properties.

Adjustment to the Side Extension: Recognising the significance of side space in residential areas, we have set back the first-floor side extension by 700mm (0.7 metres). This revision is designed to provide a more balanced appearance to the property while also contributing to the preservation of lateral light access for our neighbours.

Reduction in Extension Roof Height: In a concerted effort to further reduce the potential for overshadowing, the roof height of the extension has been lowered by 1.5 metres. This substantial decrease ensures that the extension remains in proportion with the existing building and the streetscape, whilst significantly improving light access for neighbouring gardens and windows. We also hope that removing and relocating the rear garage will improve natural lighting to the gardens of both properties.

These adjustments reflect our commitment to developing a project that is considerate of the local community's values and the living conditions of nearby residents. We believe that the revised plans strike a careful balance between our development aspirations and the concerns of our neighbours, promoting a development that is both aesthetically pleasing and harmoniously integrated into the local environment.

Enclosed with this letter are the updated drawings that incorporate all the changes highlighted. We hope that these amendments will address the concerns previously raised and demonstrate our dedication to responsible and community-focused development.

I appreciate your attention to these revisions and am available for any further discussions or clarifications you may require.

Thank you for your continued guidance and support throughout the planning process.

Yours sincerely,

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