

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 24/05/2024 12:23 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Greenwood Carters Hill Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0UG
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey side extension and erection of two dormer windows to the first floor rear elevation.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Whitepost Lane Culverstone Green Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

First I would like to point out a written error in the plans which could possible cause confusion in how the plans are interpreted. The front elevations face East not West. Likewise the rear elevations face West not East.

The plans do not show how far the dormer windows will protrude from the roof and how high they will be.

Because of the lay of the land, being on a gentle slope, [REDACTED] as the roof of Greenwood, which sits in the valley just below. In 2001 my husband and I opposed the application Ref .GR/20000840 to increase the height of the roof as it would block [REDACTED] view of the surrounding area (one of the reasons we had chosen to buy our property) and would invade our privacy as the windows would look directly into our garden.

However, the application was allowed, but with conditions. I would draw your attention to the original 2001 planning application where , in pursuance of Section 91 of the Town and Country planning act1990, for reasons of Visual Amenity, conditions were imposed.

'The Velux windows to the rear of the property should be fitted with obscure glass at all time.'

The distance between the rear of Greenwood [REDACTED] I am concerned that the installation of dormer windows in the rear roof of Greenwood will further invade [REDACTED] privacy.

I have recently been amenable to Mr Brazys request to considerably reduce the height [REDACTED]ycamore tree, which has enabled him to give a favourable answer to the query regarding Trees and Hedges whether they are within falling distance.

In consideration of Mr Brazys' privacy , [REDACTED] more closed fencing

[REDACTED]
I hope my privacy may likewise be respected.

Important Historical Note

When Greenwood was built to the rear of [REDACTED] on land that slopes down into Culverstone Valley, it was necessary for the builders to remove trees and cut into the slope of the hillside in order to provide a level area on which to build. Over the years my husband and I observed the rear of [REDACTED] gradually falling away down the slope and the concrete posts of our lateral fence started to lean sideways toward Greenwood, causing the wooden fence panels to fall out. In order to combat this movement, originally caused by the cutting into the slope when Greenwood was built, we have had to build a concrete retaining wall/fence and planted several shrubs at the rear of [REDACTED] garden to try to stabilise the soil and to prevent the ground, our [REDACTED] slowly disappearing down the slope into Greenwood.

We were informed of the behaviour of slopes by a structural surveyor acquaintance and further research led us to discover that "the stability condition of slopes is a subject of study and research in soil mechanics, geotechnical engineering and engineering geology". There is much to found about it on-line.

Kind regards