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To: Planning Control
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Subject: Planning Application Reference: 25/01182/FPH

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Objection: Erection of Shed / Summerhouse (Development already carried out)

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Site Address: 1 Kingsoak, Hitchin SG4 7BF

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for the construction of a shed/summerhouse on the grounds that:

1. Loss of Light to Habitable Room

The proposed structure causes an unacceptable loss of natural light to a habitable room in my property. This room (bedroom) is heavily reliant on the existing light levels from the affected direction, and the proposed development significantly reduces daylight and sunlight to this space. This materially diminishes the amenity and usability of the room and could negatively impact the wellbeing of its occupants. I have attached a photo to show the impact of the loss of light to this room.

Planning policy generally seeks to safeguard the amenity of neighbouring properties, including the right to adequate light to habitable rooms. I believe the proposed structure breaches these guidelines.

2. Out of Keeping with the Character of the Area

The shed/summerhouse is not in keeping with the existing character and appearance of the surrounding properties. The materials and design are incongruent with the established architectural style and layout of the area, which is characterised by black

timber clad "barn style" buildings, with pale green door and window frames. Roofs are slate or clay tiles.

Introducing a structure of this nature creates a visual disruption and undermines the aesthetic cohesion of the neighbourhood. Planning policies typically require that new developments respect the character, appearance, and materials of surrounding buildings, which this proposal fails to do.

Conclusion

In light of the unacceptable loss of light to a habitable room and the failure of the proposed structure to integrate with the surrounding built environment, I urge the planning authority to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

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