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Dear Sir/Madam

Application Reference: 24/02146/S73 – 15 Garden Lane Royston Herts

We are writing in response to your letter dated 7 October 2024 advising us that an application had been made to remove Condition 3 (Obscure glazing) of planning permission reference 20/02656/FPH granted on 29.3.21 at the development 15 Garden Lane, the neighbouring property to our residence.

We would like to strongly object to this proposed amendment.

When the original plans and planning permission were granted back in March 2021 condition 3 was included by the Planning Office to protect us from the loss of privacy and quiet enjoyment of our garden and amenity space that these windows would create.

Since that time two windows have been installed which are far larger than the original plans showed; the original plans showed "slit like" windows to the upper side elevations whereas the two windows fitted are considerably larger. These were installed many months ago in non-opaque glazing so it would appear there was never any intention of following the conditions in the planning consent.

These windows are large and obtrusive and give the feeling of being in a gold fish bowl which is quite upsetting. Whether or not the occupants of the new property can see out of them or not, we feel overlooked and the aesthetics are awful.

I have attached photographs with this letter to illustrate what we are left to look at in our garden.

The original Planning Consent in March 2021 we believe sensibly took into account our concerns in respect of lack of privacy hence the reason that condition 3 was added. This was also when the plans showed much smaller window sizes. Now that the window sizes appear to have increased dramatically it is even more imperative that our concerns are considered.

We would therefore respectfully repeat that we strongly object to the request to remove Condition 3 in respect of the obscured glazing and also that the Planning Office reviews and gives consideration to the size of the two windows that have been installed which are not the same as indicated in the original plans.

Yours faithfully

Neal and Karen Mepham