


27 Harkness Way
Hitchin
SG4 0QJ

09/11/2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Objection to Proposed Development At 25 Harkness Way, Hitchin, SG4 0QJ.

Planning Refence: 24/02299/LDCP

Proposal: Insertion of rear box dormer window with Juliet balcony including first and second floor side windows to facilitate conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation

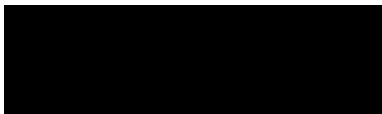
I am writing to formally object to the proposed insertion of a full length vertical box dormer window with a Juliet balcony to the property at 25 Harkness Way. I am concerned that this feature would significantly impact on the privacy of our neighbouring garden at 27 Harkness Way.

I believe that the proposed insertion of these large vertical windows with Juliet balcony will allow direct, unobstructed views into our garden from the property at 25 Harkness Way. Currently, a fence between the two properties feels adequate to maintain a sense of privacy. However, this would no longer be the case with the proposed Juliet balcony allowing clear views over the top of this fence into our garden. I believe that the proposed windows and Juliet balcony would feel intrusive and disrupt our ability to use our own garden without feeling overlooked. Whilst respecting the applicant's right to enhance their home, I do believe this particular aspect of the development does not comply with the level of privacy one should be able to expect as a local resident.

I understand the need for natural light in the applicant's proposed loft conversion and respectfully request that a smaller, standard window be inserted in place of the large vertical windows with Juliet balcony. This compromise would certainly allow us to feel less overlooked in our own home, whilst still providing necessary natural light and ventilation to the applicant's proposed loft conversion.

Thank you for taking this into consideration in the review of planning application 24/02299/LDCP.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Rishi Gupta