

Comments for Planning Application 3/21/0094/CLPO

Application Summary

Application Number: 3/21/0094/CLPO

Address: 6 Bowlby Hill Gilston Hertfordshire CM20 2FZ

Proposal: Loft conversion with the insertion of 4 rooflights and window to flank elevation

Case Officer: Ashley Ransome

Customer Details

Name: Mr V. M.

Address: 7 Bowlby Hill Gilston Harlow CM20 2FZ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to draw the East Herts Planning Office's attention to the agreement reached between the applicants living at 6 Bowlby Hill (#6) and us at 7 Bowlby Hill (#7).

We met with the applicants on Sunday 24th January at 11 am to discuss their planning application. We raised three concerns to them:

1. Loss of Privacy

The new window on the North East elevation creates a new vantage point from which one can see into our bathroom, kitchen utility, studio above our garage, and back garden.

2. Noise

Our driveway is enclosed within three tall walls: the sides of #6 and #7, and the front of our double garage and studio. Sound echos within these walls, and noise coming from this window would reverberate easily.

3. Visual Amenity

The large driveway between #6 and #7 belongs entirely to us (#7), i.e. not shared with any neighbours. The two existing windows, i.e. the one on the side of #6, and the other on the side of #7, are at the same height and symmetrical. The new window would detract from the current visual amenity, and would look as if #6 overlooked a shared courtyard, which is not the case.

The applicants offered the following to mitigate our concerns:

- (a) the window on the North East elevation will be a fixed window, i.e. the window will not open, and
- (b) the window will have obscured glass.

We confirm that we agreed to points (a) and (b). The applicants' architect has updated the plans accordingly, and submitted them to the East Herts Planning Office on Monday 25th January. Our understanding is that the Planning Office will update the planning application accordingly for the public records.