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Sunhill Cottage
Downed Lane
Chieveley
RG20 8TG
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Dear Sir/Madam

WEST WINDOW AT THE BUNGALOW, DOWNEND, CHIEVELEY

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We are writing to OBJECT to the above application.

When the Pearce's rebuilt the Bungalow completely the Velux windows were not on the original plans for the house, they were built without knowledge by us or our neighbours, bypassing the planning laws.

Retrospection permission was only granted under the strict condition that the elevation shall be fixed shut with obscure glazed to protect privacy for both parties. The Council issued these conditions for a reason as the window built at the higher elevation looks directly into our bathroom window and continues to do so, this has not changed.

One thing that had changed since the council granted retrospective permission for the window is the birth of our daughter [REDACTED] in 2012.

The window looks directly into our only family shower and bathroom which is of course deeply concerning especially as we have a young child. The pictures provided by the owners are misleading and their statement is untrue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The fact that this Velux window looks directly into our bathroom is more intrusive than any habitable room and is of deep concern for the safety of my child.

When the Velux window has been opened or the obscured film removed by the current tenants we can see directly into their property, they can see into our bathroom, which is also opened for ventilation. Photographs have been provided previously to highlight how close their window is and their disregard for the planning conditions. A previous tenant of The Bungalow, living in Chieveley, is quite happy to testify, stating that she could easily reach the top of the Velux window and is in no doubt that if opened she would be able to see directly into our bathroom. Both her and another ex-tenant have said that there was no reason to open this window as there are two other larger windows in the room providing adequate ventilation and light.

The Bungalow is a tenanted property and has had a changeover of 6 tenants staying on average 2 years or less, since re-built in 2010. There is a constant worry of not knowing who will be our new neighbour, which is a concern for the safety of our child if this condition is reversed.

We have lived happily in this property for 23 years and love our community, but the prospect of this condition been reversed has cast a shadow over our lives and is deeply upsetting and of grave concern.

We implore you not to alter the original Council decision as this does seriously affect our privacy as it does the privacy of any tenant and is deeply concerning for the safety of our child.

Yours sincerely

Tania and Barry Chamberlain