Application Number: F/15/76859
Site Address: 11 Church Lane Hedge End Southampton SO30 4AJ
Officer: David Huckfield
Name: Martin Storey
Address: 6 Newcliffe Gardens, Hedge End, Southampton, Hants, SO30 4AH Comment Type: Object
Comment: I wish to object to the planning application REF: F/15/76859 as the plans for the 5 bedroom house backs directly on to the rear of my property sharing the boundary.
The grounds for the objection are based on privacy and Environmental issues.
I have a very small back garden just 6 metres from the rear of my property to the boundary. The land at the boundary steps up and slopes upwards towards the current property, a ground level bungalow. I can currently see straight into the ground level windows at the rear of the property when stood at my dining room patio doors. A two storey house would simply tower above my own property and look straight into my garden and all rear windows. I would be overlooked by 5 bedroom windows in the 5 bedroom house and a further 2 bedroom windows in the 4 bedroom house, both built on a higher level than my own.
My property is South West facing and currently even with just a 1.9m high fence at the boundary half of my very small garden is kept in the shade during the summer months and even more during the winter months when the sun is lower in the sky.
Any additional height at the boundary to provide privacy for either a potential neighbour or myself would mean that my garden would be kept in shade all year round and reduce the light to an unhealthy level for myself my wife and our two young children living at my property.
I purchased my property because of the SW facing garden and the fact that the sun was in the garden for most of the day (10am til 18.00pm) This for us is a major concern and feel that any development needs to consider these effects and our privacy.
Mr David Huckfield the planning officer who is assigned to this application has been kind enough to visit our property to gain a better understanding of our objection and in doing so has taken photographic information supporting the objection. We feel that any development on this land should be kept as single storey and ensuring that the boundary fences, hedges or otherwise are not extended above the current 1.9m to avoid risk of reducing light levels into our property.

Thank you.

Martin Storey. (Owner of 6 Newcliffe Gardens.