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Botley Road
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SO50 7AN

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Dear Ms Campbell-Best,

H/23/95801 - Nakuru Root, Botley Road, Fair Oak, SO50 7AN

I understand that you visited our property last week and I was unable to meet you in person due to work. However, I understand you spoke with my brother. I would like to address some points to support our application:

- 1) The ecologist report refers to preserving wildlife in the area, in particular bats nests, grass snakes, lizards, and toads. However, this natural habitat has been disturbed for some time now. We moved to Fairoak 30 years ago because of its quaint village life. However, over the years this has been deconstructed into an urban suburb as the amount of development in the area has changed its character.
- 2) Several trees have been trimmed back by the Council around our property and some we were not even given any notice or consent to, and it caused distress to our neighbour Keith as his trees were also clipped back and caused a huge gap in the tree canopy. New buildings have been erected in front and behind of us, across the road the new parish council building and the new development across Knowle Park where the wildlife has been disturbed by the excavating work around it. We used to have bats flying at night in our garden at least 15 years ago but now there is none to be seen as they had disappeared when the Daisy Fields development in the front and rear took place and disturbed them.
- 3) Our garden attracts many natural wildlife, we have many squirrels, woodpeckers in the garden, Owls hooting at night in our trees, birds nesting in the trees and bees pollening in the garden due to the eco-friendly plants we have planted. Foxes, lurking around for food in the late night.
- 4) We are very keen to protect our wildlife around us and are into green vegetation and once the building works are complete will transform our garden in a green oasis. We have been planting trees and plants as part of the Queen's Green Canopy and want to continue this so that the children can learn to protect the environment and wildlife as our father was very fond of the outdoors and immersing himself with nature and loved green space.
- 5) My nieces are very keen to protect the environment and often help with gardening and making an eco-friendly garden as they have been learning about this in school and about sustainable living. One of them is keen to be an environment ecologist as she loves the outdoors and wildlife and preserving. The other niece is keen to become a Vet because she likes animals and has a caring way about her.
- 6) When our parents purchased the house, they always had an intention to extend it but due to financial constraints were unable to progress their dream. Once they were in a better financial position, they had to wait ten years for planning approval despite other neighbouring properties building and extending and the fact a new estate was built directly behind us which once was a green paddock and the front a private drive and trees had built new buildings in front of our property.

- 7) Due to the cost of living and lack of properties in the UK the government is encouraging people to extend their homes and encouraging sustainable green eco housing and solar panels. We did carry out a survey of the existing property and found that the house is losing 80% of its heating since the existing house has no loft insulation and is on old standard regs and this is not economical for the climate, for the people. We are tyre recyclers, and our role is to innovate greener practical sustainable ways to preserve the environment on recycled products.
- 8) In our culture family unity is very important and we believe in looking after our parents in their old age. Our home is home for life as we have no intentions of moving and will let the next generation keep it going. Hence, why we had to do the extension as our family is growing with the next generation as there are three young children and another one on the way. In addition, our grandmother will be living with us too.
- 9) Our mum has a disability, and we were unaware that we had to inform you of this. Our mum has difficulty walking as her bones bulge out on her feet and she has severe swelling making it very painful to walk and move. She is also recovering from cancer and is in remission. The extension would allow us to fit a lift inside it to access downstairs and will have room for a wheelchair for our grandmother.
- 10) My brother may have told you that our father passed during Covid-19 from a debilitating illness, but our faith keeps us going as we believe one day we will be reunited. The intention is to have the extension as a reflection room for prayer. Our faith is very important to us, and we would use this as a prayer room which will be used for our community church prayer groups.
- 11) Our father worked extremely hard all his life; both our parents did to get our family home developed. They never claimed any government benefits. They worked all hours of the day to ensure that our family home was completed. Unfortunately, our father was unable to finish off the house renovations and so left my brother and I the assignment to complete it on his behalf. Whilst it has taken us 20 years to get our house as close to completion, we know our father would be watching down on us and would be encouraged that we have finally got it to the standard he wanted. We have all his original hand drawings and plans so are trying to keep the design as close as possible to how he wanted it.
- 12) I have a small bedroom and have very little space and the room next to mine is a box room so that is two rooms out of the four bedrooms we have and yet there are five and another one on its way for my brother's family which does not accommodate them.
- 13) The extension will provide further security for the property as we cannot see in the front of the property due to the trees and due to the alley way next to the property this extension will add security for my mother and grandmother when they are upstairs. We also check on our elderly neighbour Keith who lives in the Lodge as he lives on his own. We will be able to view the front which is currently a blind spot particularly where the alley is.
- 14) For over eight years we have had scaffolding up on the front side of the house to hold the tin roof as we had extensive roof leakage and gap in that part of the house. The scaffolding and tin roof caused a lot of noise particularly during windy weather and a lot of people it has now been removed.

Yours sincerely



Ms Nina Ladher