

Eastleigh Borough Council

Eastleigh House

Upper Market Street,

Eastleigh

Hants SO50 9YN

Application: H/24/97624

Dear Claire Campbell-Best

**RE: Proposed first-floor side extension, minor internal remodelling & external cladding alterations
@ 5 Merton Close, Chandler Ford**

We received the response from the neighbour at House No. 6 dated 17/07/24. Although we have made our design comments in our previous response, we reiterate the following for more clarity.

Objection 1.

- 01.01. The neighbour's objection should only be considered viable where the development is assessed to have direct adverse effects on the neighbouring properties, such as overshadowing and overlooking. The Architect and the relevant Planning policies should evaluate matters regarding the design.
- 01.02. The area is not categorised as a particular Character area, such as conservation or a site of particular interest regarding the style of the existing buildings to ensure any new addition mimics the surrounding buildings in terms of materiality, texture and colour. Any subtle diversification in new material and colour will add interest and have a transitional role of moving from the past to the future, which should be appreciated and not condemned. However, we deeply respect the existing character and believe that any new extension or addition to the dwellings would not need to be fully harmonised with the neighbouring property character as the latter cannot be confirmed with the existing neighbourhood buildings. Many houses in the area have different colours and textures. A slight change in the facade character will not harm the visual amenity and add an exciting addition to the overall visual character.
- 01.03. The design issue regarding the new cladding however has been carefully considered to ensure it is in keeping with the dwelling's architectural character. The texture and colour will match the existing brickwork, roof tiles, and garage door, which is already a dominant dwelling feature, ensuring a harmonious aesthetic impact.

Objection 2.

- 02.01. The idea that since the dwelling already has a large swimming pool/ entertainment area and can be turned into a new accommodation is absurd, as it follows the rhetoric that, in principle, the enjoyment of one's land should become a subject of objection by the neighbours. Suppose the application site owner wishes to add to his property without undermining the existing attributes of the land. In that case, it is his prerogative only,



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provided it doesn't directly affect the enjoyment of other property owners' land under the Planning regulations.

Objection 3 and 4 we refer to the response we made previously.

Objection 5

05.01. The Juliette balconies face the rear and front of the proposal, as highlighted by the objector. They will not overlook any neighbouring properties' rear gardens, which is the primary concern in Planning principles, and not the front drives, and the existing windows, in any case, already breach that condition.

05.02. The photograph is simply a shot taken from the front fence of the Application site. If House @ No 6 has been built on higher grounds with a large window facing the application site, it is depicted for argument purposes.

Yours sincerely

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For and on behalf of Told Fiel Architects Ltd

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