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Dear Mr Bull

I have just this day become aware of a Development proposal DA2020/0734 for property 11 Bimbadeen Crescent, Frenchs Forest. This property is to the immediate West of my property (8 Romford Road). I have reviewed the Application details on Council on-line facility and wish to make the following comments.

Firstly, I am deeply concerned and annoyed at the lack of opportunity to make comment on this proposal. I have not received any communication from Council as to the DA submission lodged on 2 July 2020, and there has been no attempt by Council to canvas my views. This despite a visit to N0. 6 Romford Road where that owner's objection to loss of view was considered.

This proposed additional floor to the property concerned will have significant impact on my views to the West, which I have enjoyed for the past 56 years. Not only will it remove a significant portion of my view but will also impact greatly on both my privacy and the privacy of the applicant. The entire rear room of my property has major use to me, with full height and full width window looking to the forest areas and distant views.

These matters have not been considered or assessed by Council, or by its Consultant planner. Despite the claims that view and privacy issues of adjoining properties have been considered, the fact is that this is incorrect. Of all the properties affected, my property is most probably the most affected, yet I have not been consulted. I find this disturbing when the impacts should have been so obvious when the site was visited, as stated. It also disturbs me that there is no indication as to matters such as roof solar panels, roof skylights etc. envisaged.

My understanding is that this application has already been approved by Council. However I request that you visit my home and gain an appreciation of the impacts, and discuss the options available. I completely understand the applicant's desire to increase the size of his property, and have no wish to prevent this, but my amenity enjoyed for many years is seriously impacted and deserves consideration.

In addition to the above concerns, I respectfully suggest that the privacy issues would be improved if the stair well window was obscure glass. And the windows to the Sitting Room and Bath be relocated to the South and North walls respectively; alternatively skylights be substituted. My concerns could also be accommodated if some profile could be installed to indicate for me the top level of the proposed roof.

I trust that my submission and concerns can still be considered before the development advanced.

Yours sincerely
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