

Dear Committee, Thank you for your time this evening. Please find our comments to the two objections made to our extension

Black Notley Parish Objection - We understand that as part of the planning process the parish council visit the property in question to ascertain the validity of the planning application. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Black Notley Parish were not able to access the property to view the size and shape of the rear garden, instead they attempted to look over the gate. By doing so they would only really see a third of the garden space. I extended an invitation to BNPC to see if they wished to view the garden in a socially distanced manor, and received the response that they would now leave it to planning to make a decision

21 Constable way plot is larger than many in the area with anapproximatley 130 square meter garden laid out in a L shape that wraps around the property from South East to West. The rear extension would extend 3 meters from the rear of the property and would sit upon 14.4 square meters of the garden area. If we take into consideration the planted edges/ borders we will still have between 100 & 110 plus square meters of garden area left. One of the key aspects when deciding to extend was to ensure we still had a large enough garden for our children, and that the property would not make the immediate area look built up.

To the North of the property is a very large green, and to the rear is a very large car park which allows for maximum space and light for all houses on Turner Close and Constable way, therefore, In our opinion will not give a boxed in feel. Our garden is a South to South Westerly facing garden which also means the extension will not block any light to any surrounding properties.

The porch, as stated by the planner does not affect the sightline of any vehicle and is set 20 feet back from the road. The design will be in keeping with the other houses in the area with a pitched roof to match our next-door neighbour. Another point to note is that the hospital fields site has a mix of property designs so there is no specific uniformity to the properties.

19 Constable Way Objection “intrudes on garden privacy”-The window is to be built into the side elevation of the North Easterly facing wall which looks directly onto 19 Constable ways non feature side wall. To ensure maximum privacy we have moved the window across which will ensure the sightline across 19 Constable Ways garden is minimal. The window faces directly to the North East whilst the garden in question is to the South East meaning the direct view from the window will be the side wall of 19 Constable Way

We would also like it noted that the owners of 19 Constable Way received and accepted an offer on their property at the beginning of September and will be moving out of the property in the near future. They are very unlikely to be in residency when the extension is complete. We also discussed our ideas and spoke regularly with Richard & Lauren at 19 Constable Way who made no objection to our plans before the official application was made.

Finally, we would just like to state that we love living in Black Notley and our eldest child has just started school in the area. We moved here 7 years ago and plan to extend and stay here indefinitely. We have also received very positive feedback from our other three nearest neighbours at 1 & 2 Turner Close & 23 Constable Way who we have also kept informed throughout the process and explained the whole project, they in turn have been very supportive.

Thank you for your time and consideration – James & Tina Douglas