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**To:** [DCAdmin](#)  
**Subject:** Objections Re: Application Number 2022/93169  
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Dear Mr Mathias Franklin,

**Application Ref: 2022/93169**

I am writing this email to object in the strongest possible terms to the planned extensions at 244 Somerset Road. I am directly impacted by the planned extension as I live at 2 Benomley Road and both the side and the rear of my home run alongside where the extension is planned. Please see below all of the factors I have so far considered on how this planned extension will significantly affect me and my family.

1. **The Planning Documents** – Please note that the planning documents are not accurate. 244 Somerset Road has been positioned further back on the planning documents in order to give the impression that the extension would have minimal impact on my home. The current planning documents did not give a true reflection on the impact the proposed extension will have on my home.

2. **Loss of Light** – The proposed 2 storey extension will be built right up to the boundary of my home with little to no gap between my walls and fence. As a result, there will be no sunlight in either my rear garden, rear bedrooms, kitchen & dining rooms or to the side of my property. Me and my family generally spend a lot of time in both the rear garden and side gardens. In April 2022 we spent thousands of pounds on landscaping so that we could enjoy more time in the gardens and sunlight, however should these plans be approved, this will no longer be possible as the whole area will be covered in shade and any view we currently have will be blocked by the planned extension.

3. **Loss of Privacy** – As illustrated in the planning documents, the extension will be built right up to my wall and fence and as such I will lose any privacy that I currently have. My rear garden is very small and the distance between my home and 244 Somerset Road will be significantly reduced. The extension will be erected directly alongside the side of my home and my rear garden and as such there will be direct oversight into my garden. There will also be a clear view into both of my rear bedrooms, kitchen and dining room, leaving me and my family very much on edge due to the lack of privacy.

4. **Damage** – The loss of sunlight and heat to the rear and side of my home will lead to large areas of the outer walls of my house to become cold, which will result in damp and mould and in turn will cause considerable damage to my property. This type of environment will also encourage insect infestations along these walls, entrances and eventually start to make their way into my home. I am also concerned about the very realistic probabilities that during the construction of the extension, there will be considerable damage caused to both my retaining walls and fence. It is very likely that whilst digging, the vibrations alone will cause damage to the integrity of both my walls and fence with a realistic possibility of them falling. I have in the garden and the risks health and safety would be of great concern. On the side of my property there is a large banking/drop and if the wall was to be damaged in any

way then would be at risk of falling down the banking/drop and would sustain serious injuries. I am also extremely concerned about the construction processes causing landslips and/or subsidence. I have a large banking which is on an incline and vibrations from digging and other processes could cause the banking to slide and in turn causing subsidence in my home.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->**Environmental Impact** – I currently have a number of plants, shrubs, bushes that flourish in my back garden and they would essentially die due to the lack of sunlight and heat. I have also been fortunate enough to have a lot of wildlife visiting my garden on a regular basis, including frogs, lizards, hedgehogs, foxes and badgers who all visit from the nearby woodlands. There are multiple bird species that live in the trees in my garden as well as the trees in my area, all of whom forage and play in my garden. If construction was to begin, all of the wildlife I am fortunate enough to see thrive in my garden would cease and, in all likelihood, never return due to the environment changing in and around my home. Any construction work is also guaranteed to cause a lot of dust and debris which will go into my garden and home, killing the plant life and also risking the health of as they will be breathing in all of these things whilst in the gardens and also when the windows are open every day.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->6. <!--[endif]-->**Financial Impact** – My home is currently situated in a very desirable area and properties along Benomley Road, Crescent and Drive often sell within weeks of being advertised. The most recent property includes 9 Benomley Road which is going through the sold process after only being advertised 1 month ago. Should the planned extension be approved, the value of my home will most certainly decline. In addition to this, any prospective buyers (should I ever wish to sell my home) will be put off by the lack of privacy, no sunlight/heat and the obvious damp/mould conditions as a direct result of the extension. This will effectively result in my home becoming unsellable. I am sure that you can appreciate that this is any home owners worst nightmare and me and my family would lose equity due to the devaluation of my home in addition to being stuck in a property that we will not be able to sell as no prospective buyer would want to raise a family in a home under such conditions as described above.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->7. <!--[endif]-->**Noise Disruption** – Any construction work is going to cause a lot of noise with so many contractors and mechanical equipment that will be used. This will have an impact on my employment as I generally work from home 80% of the week. This will become increasingly difficult if not impossible with all the noise and disruption as a result of the extension being constructed. My family life will also be affected as we generally try to relax at home on weekends and during the school holiday and the noise from construction and contractors will prevent me and my family from enjoying our time at home.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->8. <!--[endif]-->**Increased Traffic & Parking** – Somerset Road is a very busy main road and building this extension will cause traffic to build up and cause delays when driving to and from home. Parking is also very restricted and it is likely that contractors will park their vehicles outside of my home as I have a large hedge that is situated on Somerset Road. I am stating this as a fact as on many occasions in the past, this is exactly what has happened. This also causes an obstruction for me and my family as it makes it more difficult for us to park in our drive and is even more difficult pulling out of the drive as we can not see oncoming cars due to the vehicles parked outside of our hedges on Somerset Road. Please note that this is a very big Health and Safety concern as it increases the chances of a road traffic accident.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->9. <!--[endif]-->**Health & Wellbeing** – I would like you to also take into consideration the effect that the proposed extension is having on me and my family. Since we were made aware of these plans on 05/10/22, we have done nothing but think about the impact this will have upon our standard of living. We will effectively become prisoners in our own home as we will no longer be able to spend time in our garden, open the windows due to the debris/dust in the air and be on constant guard about who may be looking into our home as there will be a clear view into 2

bedrooms, kitchen and dining room.

Given the destruction that this plan is going to have on me and my family as well as my home, I would like to invite you to discuss this further and look at the property in person so that you can fully appreciate the level of destruction this is going to cause me and my family. I would also like to be kept fully apprised on any developments/decisions made regarding this planning application as any decisions made are critical to the wellbeing of me and my family. I would greatly appreciate an email to confirm that you have received my objections.

Yours faithfully,