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The Case Officer
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Dear Sir

**RE: ERECTION OF REAR CONSERVATORY AND GARDEN
SHED at OAK COTTAGE RESIDENTIAL HOME 4 WILKINS
GREEN LANE HATFIELD**

With reference to your letter of 19 October 2009 and the above application, whilst I have no objection to the erection of a rear conservatory, I do wish to take issue with the erection of a "Garden Shed".

My specific comments with regard to the "Garden Shed" are as follows:

- 1). I assume that following my telephone conversation with Mr Peacock of WHBC Planning Department on 28/8/09 that the above application has now been submitted retrospectively as the "Garden Shed" is already much more than half built, but has not been worked upon since that date. Also the proposed conservatory is an addition.
- 2). It has been built far too close to the boundaries of 45 and 47 Bramble Road Hatfield (less than 1 metre).
- 3). It is not a "Garden Shed" but a large brick built building approx 4 metres high at its apex. It does not even look like a "Garden Shed".
- 4). It is an eyesore and our view has been spoilt without any previous consultation with ourselves or indeed the Planning Authority. Also, it

affects our light even further as there are already several large conifer trees abounding our property. This contradicts the answer in section 1 of the Sustainability Checklist in that there **IS** an impact on neighbouring properties. Please see enclosed photographs.

5). My understanding of a garden shed is that it is a wooden construction which can be moveable. This building clearly is not moveable.

6). The application states that the finish on the exterior walls is to be white render. This is **NOT** acceptable. If it is a "Garden Shed" it should therefore look like one and be wooden clad and suitably stained so that it blends into the environment. We are the ones who would have to look at it after all.

7). I would welcome a visit from a member of the Planning Department to see the view from our perspective.

8). The "Garden Shed" should be demolished and if necessary re-sited elsewhere on the property at a much more acceptable height and where it does not impact on others.

It is clear that if I hadn't telephoned the Planning Department when I did, then the "Garden Shed" would have been built by now and nobody would have been any the wiser.

I do not think this is the way to conduct such matters, and it is evident that the applicant had not considered the ramifications of his premature actions.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,



Geoffrey W Lamb