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AL10 9SB

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**Application reference:** 6/2020/1088/HOUSE

**Proposed development at** 83 Bramble Road, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9SB

**Proposal:** Erection of outbuilding

Dear Ms Shirley,

We are writing to express our objection to the recent erection of the outbuilding in the garden of 83 Bramble Road. We recognise that all property owners are entitled to enjoy their property and any improvements that they make to it, but our objections are to the current scale and potential future usage.

We have only recently moved to the area and have been welcomed by all our neighbours, particularly the applicants and we hope that this positive relationship will continue. We were a little surprised to not be informed of the decision to erect the building in the garden, given that it has a tremendous impact on our back garden view in addition to a reduction in our privacy; we have had to add additional frosting to our bathroom windows since the building has been erected.

The size of the building is not proportionate to the garden and sits extremely close to our fence as well as the fence adjacent to 85 Bramble Road. We are concerned that the building is constructed entirely of combustible materials.

In addition, the size and scale of the erected building at approximately 40m<sup>2</sup> with almost 4m high roof, means that it is feasible it could be used for an independent dwelling. We would request the imposition of a planning restriction that it cannot be used as an independent dwelling.

The applicants' son, who has erected this outbuilding, has subsequently stated to us that he intends to change the roof to a flat roof to a 2.4m maximum height. This would go some way to mitigating one of our major concerns which is the impact to our views, but it would still affect the personal enjoyment of our home and garden. As this has not been amended on the application, we would request your consideration on this point should planning permission be granted.

Yours sincerely,