Comment for planning application 6/2019/2344/VAR

Application Number 6/2019/2344/VAR

Location

Chequersfield Chequersfield Welwyn Garden City AL7 4TX

Proposal

Variation of condition number 8 (photovoltaic panels) on planning permission

6/2018/1519/MAJ

Case Officer

Mrs Sarah Madyausiku

Organisation

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

While it is commendable that the developer has found extra ways to increase the energy efficiency of their properties, it should be noted that enhancements to the fabric of this building will primarily be of greatest effect in winter, when photovoltaic panels are of least use, whereas in the summer, their occupants will be working to avoid the heat-retention of the building, and the photovoltaic panels will be most efficient. In addition the extra coverage of PV panels will protect some of the roofing from extra heat in the summer. It would be sensible to consider the extra fabric efficiency therefore as a bonus, not as a reason to remove an energy efficient means of electricity generation. This is clearly about the developer trying to shirk their responsibility in order to cut costs. Last year, Welwyn Hatfield council very rightly declared there to be a climate emergency. This is the pressing issue, Taylor Wimpey's bottom line is very much not and this proposal should go.

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