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Planning Department
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application Number:	SMD/2021/0677
Applicant's Name:	Mr and Mrs L Melady
Location:	10 Limewood Close, Blythe Bridge
Proposed Development:	Two storey extension, front porch lean-to and replacement single storey rear extension

With reference to your letter dated 21st October 2021 (which I did not receive until 26th October 2021), I oppose the above planning application for the reasons stated below:

Ground Floor Extension

If this goes ahead it will not be in keeping with the rest of the close or estate, as no one on the estate has extended any further than the canopy and this extension is extending a further metre from there.

It looks like the extension at the front is all bare brick and the rest of the house (ground level) is rendered. Could you please confirm if this is the case because to keep it in keeping the front of the extension should be rendered to?

At the moment there are three cars in the household which now park in the drive. Once this is built there will not be enough room for all the cars which means that one will have to park on the road. Our close has not got a wide road so if the car is parked there it will make it difficult for emergency services to get through, if the car is parked half on the pavement and half on the road it will mean people cannot get passed with prams or wheelchairs.

When the scaffolding goes up, will it be free standing or will it be touching my garage? In which case if any damage is caused will Mr and Mrs Melady replace and pay for it?

I have noticed there is going to be a walkway between my garage and the extension, could you please clarify if there is going to be a gate at the front and if so where the hinges and locks are going to be, I am hoping they will not be on my garage as this could cause damage to the brickwork.

It states on the paperwork that due to this extension the builders are going to have to dig down ten feet to put the relevant drains in. If this is the case, could you please confirm if Mr and Mrs Melady will be responsible for all repairs and replacing any damage caused on my property.

First Floor Extension

Once the extension is built, it will reduce the daylight through my window at the side of my house. This is the main source of light to the landing and stairs so it will make it a lot darker for me when I am going up and down the stairs. The front of this extension will be 40 degrees from mid-point of this window (right to light) and it will also block the view I have of the street and all I will be staring at is a brick wall.

Looking at the plans there will be a window at the back of the store room. Could you please confirm if the glass is going to be opal, frosted or clear? If the window is clear it will mean my back garden will be overlooked and my privacy will be reduced.

I would really appreciate it if you could let me know if you decide this application is going ahead.

I await your response in the matter

Yours faithfully

P J Buckley (Mrs)