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Both myself and my wife have consulted the plans for application SMD/2022/05112. We are aware of the development and feel we have to place on record our disappointment that the structure has already been built without the requisite planning permission being put in place.

I also note there are inaccuracies within the application- the work was not commenced on the 01.01.22 and concluded on the 31.01.22, the work started and ended over the summer of 2022. The applicant has also stated that the structure cannot be seen from a public road. Whilst it cannot be seen from Basnetts Wood, it can clearly be seen from Woodstone Avenue. We therefore do not understand why residents of Woodstone Avenue have not been consulted, given that they are directly impacted by this structure.

We also would like to highlight that the planning letters have been sent to a number of residents in Basnetts Wood who live opposite Tregarn. Whilst I accept that this may be an administrative function, those properties are nowhere near the structure and have no view of it. Any acceptance or support of the structure from these residents should be considered knowing that it has no effect on them at all.

Myself and my wife have lived in Woodstone Avenue for over 9 years, previously two doors down at Corvallis. We like the area so much we wanted to stay here and purchased our current home in the same cul-de-sac. One of the selling points of our home was the fact that we are not overlooked (other than by a small portion of the driveway of our neighbours at The Mullions). The structure which has been built, completely overlooks the front of our home, but also looks directly into mine and my wife's bedroom, impacting upon our privacy.

Over the summer despite the weather being sunny, we regularly had the curtains drawn due to possibility of being viewed inside our bedroom. (We also have mirrored wardrobes that would reflect the inside of our room). This is something we have never had to do before. We have already both remarked that we are nervous for the autumn as we have a tree, which offers us some privacy however once this sheds its leaves it will offer even more of a view into our room and side garden. These are concerns which are purely down to the structure and we have never had before.

I work shifts and have never had an issue sleeping during the day whilst living in Woodstone Avenue. However due to the close proximity of the structure to my bedroom window, over the summer I have had numerous occasions where I've been unable to sleep. During the summer we have slept with the windows open and have been disturbed by the occupants of the address socialising on the structure. Our 9-year-old daughter who's bedroom is at the rear of our property (but in line with the balcony) has also remarked on a number of occasions that she had been woken from noise from the structure.

The reason for the noise disturbance is predominately down to the proximity of the structure to our bedroom, rather than the occupants being excessively noisy. As such any mitigation or request for them to be quiet would be pointless, as the structure is only a matter of feet from our room and the noise carries to the rear of the property, due to the structure's height.

We also question the necessity of the structure. The previous residents of Tregarn already had a balcony in place, which was in-keeping with the property, was positioned away from our home and could have been renovated. This was well used and we never had any issues with noise. However, a structure which is 3 times the size has been produced without any consultation with planning support and/or consideration to ourselves.

Both myself and my wife feel that our privacy and quality of life has been affected by the structure being put into place. We have lost one of the main selling points of our home (not being overlooked), we are nervous when getting changed etc in our room, our peace and sleep have been affected as well as our 9 year old daughters. Both myself and my wife work long hours in demanding jobs, our home is our serenity and we are deeply upset that this has been negatively affected over the summer, by a structure which has not even received planning endorsement.

We strongly oppose the structure remaining in situ and would ask that the planning authority return our privacy and quality of life, by ensuring this it is removed promptly.

Yours respectfully

Mr and Mrs N. Hough