ROSEACRE VIEW, 2 ROSEACRE LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, ME14 4HY

Reference number: MA/13/0131

The agent is unable to attend the Planning Committee meeting and would like to submit the following statement;

"Dear sirs,

Due to the applicants' unavailability on the day of the meeting and it being difficult for me, as agent, to attend, I am taking the liberty of making the following comments.

The case officer has clearly shown that the effect of the extra 900mm of extension would be minimal but I would reinforce that the extension will only be approximately 300mm above the existing garden wall (and around 500mm away) and the neighbours already have a substantial garden building of their own in the adjacent area. It is highly unlikely there would be any impact from this small increase.

Unfortunately, the applicants were not contacted by the Parish Council and no site visit carried out, which is most unusual given that they appear to be backing a neighbour's objection.

If they had made contact, the applicants could have demonstrated the lack of impact of this extra section of building and maybe avoided the need for this to go to committee.

The Parish Council refer to 'further harm' but it is not felt that the approved extension causes harm anyway and no objection was made for that application.

I respectfully trust that the recommendation for approval will be carried."

My recommendation is unchanged.