

As next-door neighbours of 7 Leigh Road we are objecting to the application on the grounds that it will have a direct material impact on our property, 5 Leigh Road, specifically because it will result in loss of light and loss of privacy.

As stated in our previously submitted objection, the Southwest facing dormer would block considerable light from entering our property through a large skylight in the NE roof face (#7). This skylight provides substantial daylight into the upper floor of #5 throughout the day, as well as having line of sight from the hall and a first-floor bedroom into #7's proposed dormer. The skylight has been part of the property since it was built, and is visible in Google Maps satellite photos

(<https://www.google.com/maps/place/5+Leigh+Rd,+Southampton+SO17+1EF/@50.9258651,-1.4028456,32m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x48747406cb407c31:0x1e29fcec0e79dd1c!8m2!3d50.9259938!4d-1.402925>)

Frustratingly, the Planning Application Report of the Head of Planning & Economic Development

(<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/documents/s54769/7%20Leigh%20Road.pdf>) has not acknowledged the existence of the skylight in 5 Leigh Road and the potential impact of the application, as section 6.4.2 states "It is noted that the property [#7] does not currently contain any fenestration or opening on the south west (side) elevation. It is proposed to insert a side dormer window serving a bedroom into this elevation. Whilst it is not proposed for this dormer to be obscure glazed, ***it would look out onto the plain roof slope*** of the neighbouring property #5 and would not provide any direct overlooking onto the neighbouring property."

At the time of submitting our objection to the council, we highlighted this issue to our neighbours who had been previously unaware of the existence of our skylight; their proposed changes to the plans have not addressed our concerns.

Yours faithfully

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