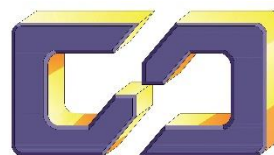


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Dear Huimin,

1 Gravel Hill Cottages PL/25/0574

In response to your email dated 20th May is as follows

We have put a lot of thought into our planning application so that the cottage could benefit from the magnificent views across the Thames Valley.

We have respected the character of the cottage with our design using matching brickwork and clay tiles, we have chosen a more modern style of fenestration on the rear and side elevations to take full advantage of the view whereas at the moment all you see is the conservatory from the road hence an improved elevation.

The second storey height at the rear was kept to a minimum whilst still managing to create a much more usable bedroom space with no impact on 2 Gravel Hill Cottage and minimum impact on the street scene, again taking in the view. If the roof was changed it would be much bulkier rather than sitting below next door.

As you may have gathered the corner fenestration at ground and first is very important to our design, we would appreciate it if another site visit could be made to understand our frustration with myself and the owner. I have been submitting planning applications to Reading Borough Council for over forty years and never felt so strongly that an application should be approved.

WADRA have made no objection, and we are not in CADRA conservation.

We are happy to have additional hedge planting to be made a planning condition.

Yours sincerely

Eric Bolton

Director

(For and on behalf of Creative Design and Structure Ltd)