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Department: Planning
Title: Planning Applications and Visual Privacy
Description: Information on how planning applications for proposed residential developments are assessed in terms of visual privacy

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Dear Sir/Madam,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

As part of an academic research, I am requesting information on how planning applications for proposed residential developments are assessed in terms of visual privacy (Particularly overlooking of garden spaces). Below is my request.

In your Local Authority,

1. Is 'Separation Distances between buildings' the only method used as a guide to assess visual privacy in the determination of planning applications for proposed residential developments?
2. If the answer to question 1 is no, what other methods are used to assess visual privacy in the determination of planning application for proposed residential developments?

For question 1, can you provided me with a 'Yes' or 'No'.

For question 2, can you provide me with just a list of the methods.

If there are no established guidelines on how visual privacy is accessed, can you also include that in your response.

Thank You

Regards

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

- 1) No
- 2) Presence of landscaping/tree screening to boundaries as well as fences and other paraphernalia.

Angle of view from window to window and window to garden area (first three metres of garden adjacent to property considered to be most important part to protect from overlooking)

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services