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I wish to comment on the aspects of privacy with respect to this development.

The development is largely placed on the top of a hill directly to the south of the houses on Scotlands Close. The houses on the development will be built on land around 3m higher than that on which the Scotlands Close houses are built. This means that the ground floor windows of the new houses will look directly into the bedroom windows of the Scotlands Close houses. These houses were built in the late 1960s with very large open windows, as was very much the fashion at the time. The first floor (or higher) windows on the development will not only look into the Scotlands Close bedroom windows, but also directly overlook the Scotlands Close gardens.

The scrub which the developer has planted on the side of the field adjacent to the proposed housing offers no cover at all in winter and very little cover in summer (and this is after 8 years of growth), as can be seen in the photographs below. The scrub is a decade or more away from offering any level of privacy screening – by my calculation there needs to be at least 6m of mature growth in place.

I believe that the development as stands will result in a significant loss of privacy due to the extensive overlooking of the Scotlands Close properties, and should not be allowed to go ahead in its current design.

I would encourage the inspector to come and view the outlook from one of the Scotlands Close houses.

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18 Scotlands Close



#15 Scotlands Close



#18 Scotlands Close



#19 Scotlands Close

