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City of Airdrie
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
400 Main Street SE
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Re: Appeal for development permit application no. PL2401034 at 243 Coopers Cove SW (Lot 3, Block 38, Plan 1810218)


We wish to speak in opposition to the above permit which we understand will add a room to the house in question where the existing deck is. We understand that the new room will extend about 2 meters beyond the existing deck and will have a 1-meter decking/pathway in addition to those 2 meters. Assuming the existing deck is 8 meters from the property line, the edge of the new room will be 6 meters from the back fence. We understand that the addition is intended to house an additional resident to the building who has mobility problems.

We are concerned that the properties adjacent to the fence/swale between Coopers Cove and Coopers Crescent all have limited backyards. Our home is 8 meters from the back fence. At 8 meters we have no problem seeing into our neighbour's windows (and presumably they into ours) to quite a distance. As an example, a dog that was visiting our house began to bark at the cat he could see in the neighbour's house. Having our home 2 meters closer to theirs is unthinkable. The proposed addition will bring a sense of congestion to the neighbouring properties as an already large house becomes even larger.

It seems the existing allowances the city abides by should not be reduced further as it reduces the privacy allowance between these residences. Houses are already close enough to each other that privacy is jeopardized, and this would seem to be further jeopardized by ignoring the setbacks.

We have been in the house in question when it was being sold and open for viewing. There would seem to be ample space within the house (which has a large dining room and office on the main floor) to provide the additional room desired. We understand that the owners did consider installing a stair lift to the basement or the 2nd story but that the existing stairways would not accommodate it. Did the owners consider making changes to the existing stairway so that it could accommodate a lift? Did the family investigate adding a home elevator? Is it possible to convert all or part of the garage to an additional room? There would seem to be ample other options without encroaching on the spatial limitations of the existing yard and the proximity to other houses.

With concern,


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