

Comments for Planning Application APP/16/01122

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/16/01122

Address: 208 London Road, Waterloooville, PO7 7AN

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4No. two bed dwellings and 1No. three bed dwelling.

Case Officer: Rachael McMurray

Customer Details

Name: Mr James Moorey

Address: 168 London Road Waterloooville

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultation modified

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Initially, my stance would have been reject, but having read the various related documents it would appear that the application will be granted despite the (at least to me) very obvious traffic safety implications.

It is a great shame that one of Waterloooville's very few remaining period properties is to be demolished - the wilful neglect and vandalism that the property has endured since it was purchased in 2011 has been sad to observe. Waterloooville has lost so many of its late Georgian and Victorian buildings that it really has no identity left, but has simply become just a place and nothing more.

With regard to the application itself, my comments and concerns are as follows:

1) Having the access road from the development leading directly onto the A3 London Road will cause vehicular crashes. Despite the stated increase in visibility, the curve of the road does not allow enough time for drivers traveling along the A3, or those entering or exiting the access road, to react and take evasive action to avoid a collision. The planning documents correctly state the speed limit is 30 M.P.H., however, many vehicles regularly exceed this, and at night the road often becomes a racetrack.

2) I have lived in Waterloooville for many years and am very familiar with its history. The house itself is at least 200 years old, however, there is good reason to believe that an earlier building once stood on the same ground. With this in mind, I would recommend that a full archaeological survey of the site is made to record and preserve its history for future generations.

3) Prior to demolition, I would recommend that a highly detailed survey of the original building is undertaken to ensure that its place in Waterlooville's history is not completely lost.