

To: Planning Service
Havant Borough Council
Public Service Plaza
Civic centre Road
Havant
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PO9 2AX

13/04/22

Your reference: APP/22/00182

Site Address: 114 Seafront, Hayling Island, PO11 9HW

Dear Sir or Madam,



We are writing to formally register our objection to the aforementioned planning application and to raise a number of concerns with regard to the application in its current form.

It is our view that the proposed plans are not in keeping with the scale or appearance of neighbouring properties and are likely to irreparably alter the character of the area. Nearby dwellings, both adjacent to as well as to the rear of the proposed building, are largely modest in nature and are of a single storey. The proposed development will result in an approximate threefold increase in square meterage over two storeys and encompass plans to double the height of the existing garage. Given this marked increase in scale and consequent weight of the development, we feel very concerned about the potential for subsidence to the surrounding properties including ours. Additionally, the planned size will reduce the available natural light to our property considerably. Furthermore, the proposed design and layout of the windows at the rear of the property pose an unacceptable encroachment upon the privacy of our property and neighbouring dwellings and gardens.

We are also of the opinion that - given the size and scale of the proposed development - the application has been designed with multi-occupancy in mind and that, alongside the existing garden chalet, the new development with its proposed seven bedrooms and the possibility of additional accommodation above the garage, has the potential to significantly increase occupancy levels above and beyond what is reasonable given its quiet, residential setting. Understandably, we have deep reservations about the proposed scale of the planned development and the potential for increased levels in noise. In addition, we have concerns about the increased numbers of vehicles that may result from the proposed multi-occupancy development as well as the potential for the property to be used for business purposes with the associated pollution and industrial hazard risks that could bring.

We recognise that local residents are entitled to alter and develop their private dwellings and are sympathetic to planning proposals that are in keeping with the character of the local area. The part of the Island concerned is a quiet, residential area of outstanding natural beauty, rich in wildlife and biodiversity; it is also an area that has experienced considerable residential development in recent years.

We believe the proposal in its current form does not recognise the unique character of the local area nor does it adequately acknowledge its impact on neighbouring properties and therefore we respectfully request that the planning application is refused.

Yours faithfully, _____