

I am writing on behalf of my mother regarding her application to build 2 semi-detached properties on her bungalow site at no 24 Wheatlands Avenue, Hayling Island.

I don't know if you have seen this property, but contrary to Mr Russells' comments on the property (whereby he would like it to remain as stands) it is in such a poor state of repair that it is past just a bit of maintenance, as the wooden frame has rotted and the windows are falling out. Not to mention there are no footings for the property. It would be a serious worry if there was someone living there when there was a flood situation.

I note your reluctance to consider an extra home on the plot but if it enabled the occupants to be on a higher more substantial platform than exists already then I would suggest that the neighbours in the adjacent properties would be able to seek refuge in the new building should flooding occur. I truly believe there would not be as many occupants in the 2 semi's as there would be in a 4 bed detached (as it stands).

Our vision of keeping the street scene uniform would be my mothers legacy as well as providing future generations with a well built eco friendly building. We believe that if we are not allowed planning for these very modest homes it would only be a matter of time before a developer obtains the site and pushes for more than the plot would comfortably accommodate (when my mother is no longer with us.) This property has been in the family for nearly 40 years and we have no intention of selling it on as if planning was granted my mother would be able to spend more time on the island seeing family.

We would therefore request that you take these points into consideration when making your decision as just one more tick box exercise at your end would really make a difference to a widowed lady who has visions of living on this beautiful island that she used to come to as a child with her mother and father.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this,

Regards,

Sue Starnes