

Comments for Planning Application APP/25/00390

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/25/00390

Address: Land to the side of 1 Highfield Parade, Waterloooville, PO7 7QH

Proposal: The construction of a new two-bedroom dwelling on land to the side of 1 Highfield Parade, with vehicular and pedestrian access taken from Burnside with associated parking, refuse and cycle store.

Case Officer: Richard Hawkey

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wish to object to planning application APP/25/00390 - Land adjacent to 1 Highfield Parade, Waterloooville.

I have several concerns about this proposal:

Firstly, the new dwelling would obstruct access for emergency vehicles to the rear of the existing shops and flats on Highfield Parade. This is a serious safety issue, as it could prevent fire engines or ambulances reaching properties that rely on that access. I understand this concern has already been raised by others, and I strongly support it.

Secondly, the proposed dwelling would be built onto the end of an existing mixed-use building that has retail space on the ground floor and flats above. By filling in the open space at the side, it brings the new dwelling much closer to neighbouring properties. This increases the risk that a fire in one of the shops could spread more easily to the new dwelling and surrounding flats. The gap that currently exists likely acts as a fire break and provides a buffer to protect residents and businesses. Removing this space could compromise fire safety for everyone.

It is also unclear why this side plot was left undeveloped when the original building was constructed. It seems obvious that the space was designed to provide access, light, ventilation and a safe separation between buildings. Filling it in now undermines that sensible planning approach and creates unnecessary risk.

Thirdly, this development would result in overdevelopment of a very constrained plot. The

proposed new house would appear cramped and out of character with surrounding buildings. It risks overshadowing neighbouring properties and reducing their privacy and access to light.

I am also concerned about parking. Parking in this area is already limited. Adding a new dwelling here will put more pressure on surrounding streets and could lead to more on-street parking, causing inconvenience and potential hazards for local residents and businesses.

Finally, there are existing trees and a grass verge on the site which help with natural rain soakaway and contribute to local green space and biodiversity. Removing these would increase surface water runoff and reduce the visual amenity and environmental benefit for the area.

I urge the Planning Authority to refuse this application.