

Planning Development, Havant Borough Council,
Public Service Plaza,
Civic Centre Road,
Havant,
Hampshire,
PO9 2AX

Re planning application number - APP/25/00327

Dear Sir/Madam

3rd September 2025

I have just looked closely at [REDACTED] latest drawings:- P_01B and P_02B. The plan and elevation of their application for 34 Manor Close, having heard that they have been waiting for a lot more than the expected 13 weeks to find out if their revised plans are to be approved. I believe they have gone to appeal?

Many eyebrows were raised in Manor Close when [REDACTED] (no 2 Manor Close) were allowed to add a two story extension to their house before moving in. Over the years some of our neighbours have had modest 2 story applications turned down, and those I spoke to thought it a bit rich when an ex council member -and Mayor, I believe- had her plans waived through.

In conversations with neighbours then, we wondered if this was cronyism, and if we should get elected onto the council before extending our houses, should we ever want to. Now to all appearances this cronyism has the appearance of working in reverse. It is easy to wonder if [REDACTED] have objected to this relatively innocuous application for a single story hipped roof addition facing the Close is being given extra weight, & might stop the Olivers being able to build a garage. Given their planning application 'luck', an objection to the Oliver's now modest application could be viewed as rather selfish, if it is from them that this objection arises.

This latest application is in line with their immediate neighbour's porch, but is after all single story. At present the area between the intended garage and the path is an overgrown mess. There is, and has been for a long time, a shed situated roughly where this proposed elevation would be. It is barely visible from the path. All the garden boundaries of no34 have been an overgrown mess [REDACTED] and even with the new garage will present a much more open aspect to the Close. I gather that they are considering giving up, and selling on if they can't build a garage. This would be a shame as they have invested considerable effort in integrating with the close social neighbourhood that exists in Manor Close, and it is obvious that they would be good neighbours.

I ask that you consider this application in a favourable light please. The proposed works at no 34 are a considerable improvement on what is there at present, and given the work they've put into clearing the scrub overgrowing the Close it is already a big improvement compared to how it was before they bought it. This proposed addition will affect the appearance of Manor Close considerably less than the 2 storey extension allowed on no2.

Having met them a few times now, I know the Olivers would be an asset here & they certainly intend to become a long-term part of the fabric of the Close.

Thank you

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