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Havant Borough Council
Planning Department
Public Service Plaza
Civic Centre Road
Havant, Hampshire
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Attn: Mrs B Crawford

Your Ref: APP/19/01071
Site address: 'Merriville', Croft Lane, Hayling Island PO11 0LT
Proposal: Proposed two storey side and rear extension

Dear Sir,

I do not object in principle to the concept of modernising a rundown property. However, after studying the documents, plans and drawings that have been submitted to date with this application, I have the following specific objections.

The replacement Proposed Location Map appears to show 'Merriville's' land extending over an access strip (hereinafter "the Access Strip"), a spur that runs at 90 degrees off Croft Lane between the south wall of the existing house and the northern walls of the garages to rear of No 94 and No 96 Havant Road, then continues on to the beginning of 'Merriville's' private drive.

The two parties mentioned on Form B are not the owners of the Access Strip which is, in fact, owned by two further separate parties, neither of whom have been approached with notice of this proposed development.

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In preparation for building the proposed new garage and side extension, several large shrubs and fruit trees on 'Merriville's' south boundary have already been cleared.

With the tree screen gone, the proposed eastern expansion of the roof and the new two storey side extension would make the south side of 'Merriville' into a big, looming presence [REDACTED] I believe this will generate a real urban feeling, out of keeping with the rest of the development along Croft Lane - a semi-rural lane where other houses retain margins of green around them.

The Existing Elevation drawing for the south elevation is already outdated because work started on the site in September, despite the applicant's claims on the Application Form, that it has not. Thus, the south fence of the front garden, that marked the boundary between 'Merriville's' land and the Access Strip is shown as still existing. In fact it has been removed, following clearance of the front garden which Mr Ascherle has now converted into a parking area.

The Proposed View A110 V3.1-3D-Copy 1-7 also shows no ultimate restoration of that boundary marker. According to this drawing, after works are completed, 'Merriville's' frontage across its East Elevation would appear to run without interruption from its northern boundary with 'The Retreat' right up to the walls of the existing garages to the rear of Nos 94 and No 96 Havant Road, i.e. beyond the boundary of its erstwhile front garden and across the full width of the Access Strip.

I invite the planning officer to view with me on site.

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