



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

6th April, 2021

Dear Sirs,

Planning application - 35 Charlesworth Drive – APP/21/100179

With regard to the planning application for the above property, to use an old expression, I am flabbergasted that Havant Borough Planning would even consider posting this application on the website. Do the planning officers really think the neighbouring properties want a huge monstrosity overlooking their homes? Would any of you like something like that built next to your home if you lived in a bungalow? Somehow I don't think so.

The Berg Estate is famous for the bungalows, but over the last few years more and more huge front to back dormers are being built on some bungalows making them look more like houses. I would draw your attention to a former bungalow in Silverdale that has had extensive building work carried out on it thus making it into a house. No it isn't a 'chalet bungalow' it's a house. I've always been lead to believe that a two-storey dwelling is a house.

If the new owners of 35 Charlesworth Drive want a house they should have bought a house. There are thousands being built in Waterlooville and the surrounding areas, so why are they even considering spending hundreds of thousands of pounds increasing the size of a bungalow when they could, in reality, have bought a house for half the price? They've already spent almost four hundred thousand pounds buying the bungalow and, according this plan, they intend to spend more than a quarter of that enlarging the property. It beggars belief.

May I point out that when the owners of 46 Charlesworth Drive were building their rear extension, they were informed they were not, under any circumstances, to build the extension roof to the same height as the existing bungalow. Why then, is this planning application proposing a build way above the original roof height, and outwards front and back, of the original building? You can't have a rule for one and one rule for another.

May I also point out that the Borough Plan expresses that all new build should be in keeping with the surrounding properties. Would someone please enlighten me as to how the planning officers see the application to increase the size of the property at 35 Charlesworth Drive is anywhere near in keeping with the surrounding bungalows in Charlesworth Drive, Armstrong Close and Andrew Crescent? I can't quite make it out myself.

With the additional bedrooms there will obviously be more vehicles, and with the removal of the existing garage and nowhere to park in the cul-de-sac, where are the cars to be parked? Double yellow lines surround the entrances to Armstrong Close and Andrew Crescent. The parking is bad enough as it is without the thought of possibly another half a dozen cars in the vicinity. Double yellow lines obviously don't mean a lot to some drivers around here as they insist on parking either on the grass verges, or half on half off the pavement, or on the double yellow lines.

It would appear that the increase in bedrooms for just two people would in fact mean a change of use from a private dwelling to a house of multiple occupancy. If not then why would just two people need so many bedrooms? This should be investigated as this implies the property may be used as a B&B or similar.

The loss of privacy to the neighbouring properties is appalling and this must be taken into account. To quote one home owner who recently viewed the plans "Are they having a laugh or what?" The trouble is this application isn't funny. It's horrendous.

All I can say is God help all of us if the application is approved.

Yours faithfully,

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