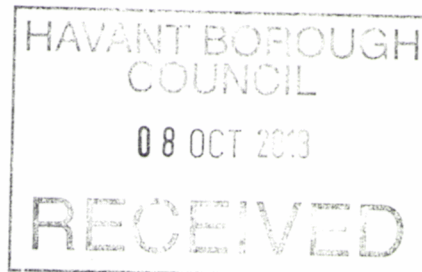


Havant Borough Council,
Planning Applications

6th October 2018

Dear Sir,

Ref: APP/18/00896.



I strongly object to the plan for 14 Elm Grove, Hayling Island PO11 9EF to be used as a 'Funeral Home' on the grounds it does not comply with your planning constraints CS16 or DM2.

CS16 High Quality Design:

The entrance from the concrete rear yard that would be used to transfer the body of some families loved-one into the holding room is within a child's touching distance from the public pavement on a well used road that serves two car parks as well as other properties. There would also be a view from the pavement into the holding room while the door is open as well as the smell that goes with such premises.

The awkward shaped concrete rear yard has been described to me as a communal area where people who live and work in flats above and in the fruiterers next door.

At the time I attended I saw three vehicles including two delivery vans on the yard leaving little room for a hearse or private ambulance to park away from the rear door of the 'Funeral Home'.

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In these circumstances there would be no privacy and little dignity in the transfer of a body in a body-bag or coffin.

I can envisage the funeral business at certain times being partially conducted from the public road or pavement.

DM2 Protection of Existing Community Facilities and Shops:

Hayling Fruiters, 16 Elm Grove Hayling Island already rely on good vehicle access across the concrete yard triaging produce to and from their shop crossing behind 14 Elm Grove. They are only a small business but a vital one for the community around Mengham and any obstruction, smell or noise pollution would seriously impact their business.

In the 17 page Noise Impact Assessment any effect of noise on the occupants of the flats above these premises has been discarded without measurement even though they are ~~ob~~ obviously closest to the condenser. The constant stopping and starting of the condenser, audible from the flats on a summers day with the windows open could impact the quality of life even at low volume.

However their picture of the rear yard shows very well the unsuitability of the rear yard access for Funeralcare and these premises for their purpose.

Regards.

