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Mr David Eave
HBC Planning Policy Officer

Dear Mr Eave

I wish to object to the development proposal App/17/00224 Mr Chris Flint

Mr Flint's property appears to be a fine family home in keeping with the values of Old Bedhampton. My objection concerns its location on the site and the grievous effect it would have on the setting of iconic Manor House.

Situated from north to south across the bottom of the lovely Manor garden the new house would obscure the view of the back/east elevation of the Manor. This can be enjoyed not only from most of Bidbury Mead but also from beside the ancient eastern boundary wall of which a section beside the old doorway has been lowered for this purpose. This is a particularly important view as it shows the original timbered building in all its quaint intricacy. The front/west elevation of the Manor was modernised in the late 18th century to present a much blander frontage. In the 19th century the two lofty Victorian Jacobean gables completed the current exterior. We wait to see what will come next.

If Mr Flint's new property were built east to west on the vegetable garden on the north it could fit in with Edward Gardens and not obscure the Manor.

Old Bedhampton is enjoyed by huge numbers of people. The Mead is beloved by dog walkers who come from near and far, by football and cricket teams, by kids and joggers, by families with young children who enjoy the imaginative play area.



Many serious walkers pass through on the Solent Way. Others throng the lanes admiring the wealth of historic buildings.

One reason why Old Bedhampton has become so special is because of the interest shown by the local planning authority as well as the community. As a resident over the past 40 years I have been aware of Bedhampton's improving image, eg the excellent information boards around the Mead cater to the inquiring visitor, the restored Tudor wall in the churchyard, the discrete introduction of allotments on the pony field, the imaginative development of the magnificent Victorian School which has been saved for residential use and the insightful guidance we always received from the Council when renovating our own listed property (Bidbury House).

What happens to the well-kept lawns of the Manor House will be of vital significance to its future development as viable residences. If the new house were relocated as I suggest this could even enhance the Manor's setting.

I enclose a copy of a booklet I helped to produce which I think demonstrates the value of Old Bedhampton and our will to preserve it for future generations.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Judith Worley.

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