

As the home owners and residents of 8 Queen Street PO10 7BL, Stephen and Lesley Chesney object to the erection of the outside dwelling in the rear car park of Driftwood cafe. Please note the seating area building and separate office has been erected in the owners car park, behind number 8, not their garden space.

Number 6 Queen Street is unaffected by this application. The entire length of the proposed erection and additional office lies behind number 8 Queen Street.

We have supported and applauded local business in every way but this is a step too far.

Inaccurate representation and no communication

The drawings created by a local Architect in support of this application are inaccurate and indicate that scant regard has been given to care in design with neighbours in mind. It has an opening top, flat slatted roof, abuts it's neighbours wall and dominates its neighbours landscape. The drawings show it affects numbers 6 & 8. It does not. The buildings cover the entire length of number 8 only. The Architect would have been welcome to take images and inspect from Number 8's garden. The applicants did not contact us or talk to us or even try to inform us before erecting it in the first place. Neither did they apply for planning permission prior to erection, even though it is in the Town's conservation area. We are at a loss to understand why?

We object because:

Noise

Noise has increased and if plans go ahead will increase further. Where before the outdoor seating area was erected, it was just people, and a few occasional dogs in the garden on warm and dry days; it is now 7 days a week, all day long; and far closer to our garden and property. Originally, the Cafe closed on a Sunday and opening hours increased after we moved in. We did not object to Sunday opening. The roof is a slatted opening roof and on warm days, the noise could be deafening. Already, Driftwood is advertising wine evening activities from 6pm till late during food fortnight in 2018. Therefore it can be assumed that they plan to utilise the space for further late activities? Possibly private functions with wine, gin and music? Wedding receptions, Mother and baby meetings and groups etc.?

We are not sure the applicants have considered their residential neighbours now, so have to assume, nor would they in the future? Nor have the applicants considered the affect this outdoor seating area would have upon their neighbours enjoyment of their own outside spaces and quite possibly their neighbours inside spaces too, if they plan to grow their business activities. If the applicants had, neighbours would know about the planned late openings already?

See

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Height and Outlook. Please see a before and after image of our outlook. We saw Bamboo trees in the distance and sky before, now we see the side of a flat roofed building. The building towers above and covers 3/4 of the length of our 4 foot high wall. The building is over 2 foot above our wall in height and abuts it. The gap left is a max of 10cm between our wall and it, allowing for no access for maintenance at all. It is in a conservation area; therefore covered by legal and suggested guidelines, which need to taken into account. The very small shed it replaced in part can be seen in the image described as before. The shed was small and to the left of the area. Along with outside seating area, an office shed has been erected.

Light

Sky replaced with a solid block means that light has been lost, quite considerably, especially as our home is lower down than our garden. The raised garden is in line with many others and not an unusual feature.

We agree with the submissions made by Charles Ashe for the ERA on our behalf and would agree and re-iterate Mr Ashe's statement in its entirety. We quote their statement too.

We are very concerned that as no consideration was given to us on this occasion by the applicants, then what else do they plan to do in the future, without further consideration for their near neighbours. We want some reassurance and outline plan from them for the future please before proceeding please. If this is allowed, what else will they expect to be able to do without considering their close neighbours?

The photos show before and after erection of the two separate buildings, without planning permission.

Kind regards

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