



96 Brook Gardens
Emsworth
Hampshire
PO10 7LL

3rd July 2017

Dear Ms McMurray,

RE: Planning application 17/00633 – Orchard House

My Husband, my Daughter and I live at 96 Brook Gardens and are extremely concerned about the impact of the proposed development of the Orchard House. Our specific objections are around the adverse impact the development will have on our living conditions, impact on trees and wildlife and the change in character of the surrounding neighbourhood:

Change in living conditions:

- Currently our home is not overlooked from behind. Instead we have several mature Oak trees (see attached photos) which appear healthy and provide screening from the private road and houses behind. The development includes the removal of these trees. Although McCarthy & Stone have suggested they will replace with hedging, this will not provide us with the same coverage and will take years to mature. Until such time, residents of the new development will have unobstructed views into our garden and house.
- The main entrance to the new development will be directly facing our back garden. This means that any activity and noise from the development will be heard from our home. Lighting used in the main entrance will be seen from our garden and may also impact on the sleep quality and wellbeing of our young daughter whose bedroom is at the rear of our house.
- The proposal includes several car parking spaces which would back directly onto our garden fence. This will cause us to be disturbed by traffic noise and lights. Car headlights will shine directly into our rear-facing windows.

Proposed development unsuitability:

We feel that the proposed development is completely out of keeping with the surrounding houses and overall character of the area. The surrounding houses are two story buildings in a suburban setting, and mainly of single occupancy. The proposed development is incongruous in design. It is a modern building, not the same style as the existing dwellings, and will house multiple occupants. This is not in keeping with the existing residences.

Loss of local habit:

The proposed development will destroy the local habit in several ways:

- Loss of multiple mature trees, including Oaks and Horse Chestnuts. These trees dominate and define the surrounding area, providing shade in the summer, and a wind break in the winter months.
- The trees also are home to many species of birds (woodpeckers, robins, blue tits, great tits, sparrows, wood pigeons) which will be lost.
- We have also seen Song Thrushes, an endangered species and on the RSPB's 'Red List' of globally threatened species.
- We also have bats and squirrels which will suffer a loss of habitat.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Dunn

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↓ HORSE CHESTNUT

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A panoramic view from the upstairs window of our house.
These mature Oak trees behind our house will be lost

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