

FAO Abdi Dirir

Dear Abdi Dirir

The above planning application has just been brought to our attention and has caused us much alarm.

Fernhurst Close as a small cul-d'sac which originally consisted of a balance of 3 to 4 bedroom houses with a number of semi bungalows and a large valuable number of 2/3 bedroom bungalows. Despite some large extensions being given permission over recent years, this balance still, largely, exists.

The above application is an amazing deviation from that premise.

The application states it is a side and rear extension, however on studying the site plan we notice the front building line is being moved in line with the garage building line, in turn aligning it with number 28, therefore altering the staggered building line which gives Fernhurst Close its unique character. It also{contrary to the planning application) removes the garage, therefore alters the parking available.

Viewing the site plan we are alarmed at the perimeters of the proposed building. To the north it sits on the boundary between no.26/27, allowing no access. To the south it sits, we presume, 1 metre from an original boundary of no. 28. No. 28 stands 7.5 metres front to back on its plot. Should planning be granted it will be dominated by a solid wall, 15.5 metres double height, 17.5 metres in total. The height of this wall will, in order to carry the roof pitch necessary for such a vast building ,be considerably higher.

We also notice, with alarm, that the proposed building has no chimney in that wall, meaning the chimney will be removed, necessary to provide access along that side. As the other 3 external walls are being demolished, we fail to see how a builder will remove the chimney from the one remaining external wall without rendering it extremely unstable, therefore necessitating rather than extensions to no. 27, a complete demolition.

Whilst we believe the owners plan to move out of the property, I doubt that luxury it available to the owners of either no. 26 or 28.

We also notice that, according to the planning application ,no hedges are removed to accommodate the proposed structure, this is blatantly incorrect, as the hedge to the south of the site, at present, completely blocks current access to the south side path between the properties. The artists impression giving a false perspective as it shows the plot sitting centrally on the plot with easy access to the rear from both sides, when in reality this is their neighbours property.

In conclusion, we believe this is a gross over development of the site, including 3 parking spaces on the front garden, which will dominate the street scene and will be completely out of character with the brick built houses which give our cul-de-sac its character.

Your faithfully,

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