

Comment on Permitted Development Application M/48/22/PD

I understand that when considering an application under Permitted Development the impact on the existing amenity of the area and living conditions of nearby occupiers, must be considered, *and protected*.

As immediate neighbours living in the link bungalow attached to the applicants, our personal amenity would be severely impacted if this development was agreed.

- Raising the roof to accommodate an additional floor on top of the bungalow will mean that the occupants will have a very clear (not oblique as suggested in their application) view over us in our garden, over nearby neighbours' gardens and those over the rise in The Layne.

One of the main reasons we bought our property was because it was a bungalow within a continuous row of bungalows and is not overlooked by any property with a lovely, private, garden. To suddenly have a four bedroomed, two storey house next door will severely impact our privacy. Please see the photo below which shows how secluded our back garden is now and imagine the impact of raising the roof to add a new storey and the impact this will have.

- The height of the building, its scale and mass will be overbearing and oppressive.

All nearby properties, on both sides of the road, are bungalows. There are one or two loft conversions which have not raised the height of the buildings so impact on privacy is minimal and they do not overbear neighbouring properties.

- Our natural light and outlook on the south facing side at the front of our bungalow will be impacted by the addition of another storey.

Many local residents, including the Parish Council, objected to the proposal of constructing an additional storey to an existing bungalow when it was part of a recent Planning Application (withdrawn before decision). Residents did not object to the proposed single floor extension, or the very large garden cabin, and this clearly shows the strength of feeling in the community that adding an additional storey to a bungalow to create a four bedroomed house in a lane of mature bungalows and chalet bungalows would be totally out of keeping with the surrounding existing properties.

I understand this is the first development of this type that has been proposed in this district since the Regulations were amended and only the immediate neighbours either side were notified and invited to comment. I do hope that the impact on the existing amenity of the surrounding area and the wishes of the community will be taken into account, as well as the significant impact on us in the attached home.

Thank you

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