

Planning application comment was submitted on the **16 July 2024 10:07 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P241536/F** by **Adrian English**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: Position within the site

This area of Penn Grove Road was laid out 110 years ago with good quality detached buildings in good size plots, now defined by mature trees and hedgerows. The existing No 68, added in the 1960s, is comfortably positioned, set back from the original building line of Nos. 66 and 72. This maintains the green and spacious character of the area that defines this part of Penn Grove Road. The proposed new building has been moved forward in the plot and would sit just a few feet (less than 4.0m, or about 13ft according to the drawing) from No.66, which is a fine and distinctive period house that would be overshadowed by the new building so near; the new building in turn would look completely out of place. In addition to looking dreadful it would also, I imagine, deprive No.66 of light, view, and privacy.

It is our opinion that any new building should occupy the existing footprint of No68, which was so carefully positioned back in the 60s, and be no higher.

Design of building

The design submitted, while dominating the view from the road, is incoherent and would add nothing to the diverse, high quality housing of the area. If a substantial brick building is to be demolished, a replacement should offer far better design and styling.

Topography

The application for the first part of this proposed development, approval 233438, showed a topographical elevation that gave some indication of the likely impact on the neighbourhood. For some reason this has not been shown on the new application but I think it would reveal, in part, the dominance of this proposed new building over its immediate neighbours.

Noise and disturbance

We notice that an air-source heat pump is specified. Our experience of these is that they make a continual low level noise that is very intrusive, especially in a very quiet neighbourhood such as ours. There must be quiet ones!

Also, as next-door neighbours we feel that this twin development (233438 and this new application) would give us no respite from the noise and general disturbance of a building site, for an unspecified period.

Green space/Habitat

Concreting over a much larger area will increase the pressure on wildlife which still inhabit these gardens (we have all left access holes or hedge gaps to allow hedgehogs, frogs and other creatures to get through and to forage in our gardens.)

Attachment:

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