

PLANNING REF : 241967
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 4 Lane End Close
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG2 9AS
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Tim Sulley
DATE SUBMITTED : 13/10/2024

COMMENTS:

Planning application No. 241967 7 Lane End Close, RG2 9AS

Firstly, I am frustrated that as neighbours on a small close we were not informed of this planning application directly. It was fortunate that a neighbour informed us of the application so that we could submit our complaint against it.

As residents of this quiet cul-de-sac for the past 14 years, we strongly object to the planning application for the following reasons.

- The 2-storey dwelling shown on the plans will destroy the current look and ambience of the cul-de-sac of bungalows.

- The building's height and size will dominate and dwarf the other single storey buildings which have all carefully been extended and developed over the years on one level only, to be in character with their neighbouring properties. It would not be in keeping with the other properties to permit the planned application to raise the roof of an existing bungalow.

- Adding a second storey and increasing the building area is a clear over-development of the site at number 7. The application appears to exceed the limit for permitted development of 50% of the original dwelling area versus the total site area, so this surely is strong grounds for the application to be dismissed.

- The plan also includes conversion of the existing large double garage into more living space, therefore significantly reducing the area for storing vehicles within the property boundary. The plan also increases the bedroom count to 5 which not only increases the likely number vehicles kept at the property but also reduces the space for storing them. There is insufficient space for additional on street parking on the cul-de-sac and this end of Lane End Close is used for vehicle turning on a daily basis. Even if the current applicants do not intend for several car owners to reside here, we can be sure that future owners of a 5-bedroom house certainly will, so this will certainly cause disruption in the future.

We therefore request that our objections are noted and considered by the Planning department and that a single storey bungalow remains on the site of 7 Lane End Close.