

PLANNING REF : 260787
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 25 Elmwood Close
: Woodley, Berkshire
: RG5 3AL
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Sally Powell
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/04/2026

COMMENTS:

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I wish to comment on single storey rear ground floor extension to 6 Frimley close Woodley.

The property is semi-detached house and already has a two-storey side extension.

My garden backs on to the rear garden of 6 Frimley Close. The boundary being a wooden 6 ft panel fence and a 4 meter high conifer hedge which overhangs and intrudes into my garden by 1 meter. This means there is a meter of my garden I am unable to use, due to the debris from the conifer hedge and the roots of the hedge and trees.

The garden to 6 Frimley Close is small in depth. By extending the property further out into the garden, the whole property becomes much closer to my garden and property. The proposed extension has large bifold doors meaning those doors will be open. I already endure excruciating noise from screeching and screaming children at the address on a frequent basis, which regularly forces me to return indoors to shield myself from the noise. Whilst working from home, once the school day is over, I need to close my windows, as even while my doors and windows are closed, noise can still clearly be heard, and I don't want to know that a child needs assistance in the toilet.

The proximity of this proposed extension brings the living space considerably closer to my property and therefore interferes with my rights of privacy, and interference from noise emitted from the property.

In terms of view of extension from my ground floor, I have no view, and will have limited if any view from my upstairs, due to the excessively high conifer hedge and trees above 20ft in the garden of 6 Frimley Close. I have ensured that the hedge my side is cutback every year. It is limited what I could do with the height as I was not the owner. The three trees in the garden of 6 Frimley Close, which includes a substantially tall fir tree had no maintenance.

By May 2025 the hedge stood at 5 meters meaning from my lounge I could not see the sky. I contacted Mr and Mrs Patel to see if we could negotiate a height reduction to the hedge by 2 meters and a removal of the tree, which was causing concern especially in stormy weather.

Reluctantly the Patels stated they would reduce the height of the hedge by only 1 meter, and the two deciduous trees would remain uncut, and there would be a partial reduction in height of the fir

tree. They made it clear that was their final offer as they wanted to protect their privacy. The result is I can see the Sky but I am still faced with a hedge of 4 meters which is dramatically 2 meters over above the suggested height of hedge in the UK. The hedge greatly impacts on my garden.

The two deciduous trees have continued to grow and fill out the void left when the hedge was cut in August last year. They now rise a good 2 meters above my 4 meter boundary and again my sky view is diminishing.

In the application under the section Trees and Hedges I note the applicant has marked up NO to both questions. I will disagree with answer one as there are 3 TREES that not only could fall on the proposed development but also on surrounding properties.

I would ask that the local planning authority carefully assess all the points I have made in relation to the proposed extension and my invasion of privacy, along with the offensive hedge and trees at the property and refuse the permission to extend.