

PLANNING REF : 251284
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 66 Beech Lane
: Earley Reading, Berkshire
: RG6 5QA
SUBMITTED BY : Dr James Pimm
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COMMENTS:

Firstly, can I say that I have no significant objection to the Khanna household extending their property, as long as it can be built safely without damaging our property adjacent, and follows planning permission law, building control, and the party wall award. However I have a number of legitimate concerns which I wish to form part of the record at Wokingham borough council planning department.

I think the planning committee should be aware that the plans submitted are all inaccurate, and Mr Khanna has admitted this to me. The boundary is placed incorrectly on every plan, and from the street scene our house (no 66) is upscaled by over 16% to appear to have the same size and frontage and height and width of the proposed extension of number 68. The front of our property measures 12m. Number 68 and number 70 are almost the same frontage at 14.5m. So the street scene misleads, by upscaling number 66, and introducing a false gap between the houses.

The height of number 68 with its third floor, relative to our house (66) cannot be determined from the street scene and it is merely an artistic impression, since different scales are used on each house. There is no gap between number 66 and number 68 as depicted on this street view scene. The garage wall is on the boundary, and any rebuilding of this wall requires digging foundations within 3m of our property. Extending it forward might look nice on the drawing, but it does not represent reality on the ground, where there will be a soil height difference, and the wall will have to angle inwards in order to stay on number 68 property. It will not admit a car, so it can't be used as a garage.

I find it irritating that Wokingham borough council planners have admitted this set of plans when they are so badly drawn, out of scale, with guesses where the boundary is, and with no appreciation of how tall this property is going to be, out of all proportion to the rest of the houses in the area. They pay no attention to how it will be

possible to build this third storey without damaging our roof at number 66. and contravening health and safety law. Building will require a huge crane and steels up to 14m in length. This is what you see when a motorway bridge is constructed. I have sought legal advice on this, and have been told to get the boundary surveyed, but no-one at the planning department is interested in the fact that ALL the plans show the boundary incorrectly. When I have asked to see the engineering drawings to satisfy myself they are safe, I have been denied sight of these. The whole project makes me sick with anxiety, and I don't believe Mr and Mrs Khanna have ever attempted such a huge development before. I can't be sure if they are misleading

deliberately, or just employing others who are careless. So we face a year of building, by people who have never previously attempted such a risky project. It will require a team of structural engineers

on the ground overseeing massive steels being craned into the property and the complete removal of the roof. There should be a public meeting to discuss these plans so that all the neighbourhood may be heard and evidence may be seen. I am concerned that inadvertently Mr & Mrs Khanna may have broken planning law by submitting such incorrect and careless drawings.