

PLANNING REF : 252605
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 5 Frensham Road
: Crowthorne, Berkshire
: RG45 6QJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Karen Susan Taylor
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COMMENTS:

Ray Drabble of the Lead Local Flood Authority stated that any grant of retrospective planning permission for the decking at No 6 Belmont Road should be conditional by completion of improvements to the stormwater attenuation from 6 Belmont Road and confirmation and proof of the redirection of downpipes and the installation of a planter systems. No such confirmation or proof has been forthcoming.

Last winter I was constantly flooded by the neighbours to the rear of my property which belongs to Mr. Heslington at 6 Belmont Road. They have 3 downpipes to the rear of their property which do not discharge into any form of drainage system. To compound this, they have also allowed the neighbour, Mr. Bye of 4 Belmont Road to discharge his downpipes into their property. Mr Bye also has 3 downpipes to the rear of his property but I am unsure how many of these discharge into No 6. All of these downpipes flow down to my property which is at a slightly lower level than Belmont Road.

It is possible for the 3 downpipes at No 6 to be redirected to an existing drain which goes underneath their property. They did agree to having this work done in June and again in September, but nothing has been confirmed in writing. It is not possible to have the downpipes from No 4 redirected and it would need to have a stormwater planter system installed in the garden of No 6.

The high decking erected at No 6 has greatly exacerbated the flooding situation as there is even less lawn available for any water to drain into the soil. Nearly all the shrubbery and large chestnut tree previously in their garden have been removed.

My garden became so waterlogged that many of my own trees and shrubs have now died, and my conservatory has water damage. In exceptional weather it is necessary to go out in the pouring rain in order to open my side gate and stabilise it with brick to ensure that my bungalow is not flooded as well.