

PLANNING REF : 252822
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 29 Sutcliffe Avenue
: Earley, Reading, Berkshire
: RG6 7JW
SUBMITTED BY : Mr John Catchpole
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/01/2026

COMMENTS:

I want to comment in relation to the above planning application. I am an executor of the estate of the late Charles Robert Catchpole, along with my brother David Catchpole. Charles was the owner of 29 Sutcliffe Avenue and passed away in August last year.

I have only just found out about this planning application by way of a neighbour. I have had no notification from the owners of number 27 of their proposals or the Council. No notice has been placed at the property, and we have received no letters. I therefore haven't had a reasonable amount of time to consider the proposed applications.

29 Sutcliffe Avenue is to the right of 27 and the boundaries are extremely close separated by a fence. Either side of the fence is a small pathway at number 27 and a slightly wider pathway at number 29. An application similar to this was submitted a while ago and objected to, and that objection was upheld but a revised application was then granted. When completing those previous works, the then owner of the property persuaded Charles Catchpole, against advice from his family and because he wanted to be nice and helpful, to allow access to the rear of number 27 by the removal of his garden gate and the fence between the two properties so that building materials and machinery can be taken down to the rear of number 27 via number 29. Charles Catchpole suffered miserably when this work was being undertaken during a covid lockdown and also suffered damage to his property which included the gate to his property be broken and paving slabs breaking. Whilst they did replace the gate, Charles replaced the paving slabs himself because they were dangerous in their broken form. In light of this application. I cannot see how the necessary access to the rear of 27 for materials and machinery would be achieved.

27 is having a roof fitted at the moment and I recently went round to 29 (on Sunday 18th January) to check on the property and we found bits of the old roof battening and an empty drink bottle in the garden of 29 which we then had to dispose of.

The proposed right-hand side roof extension and dormer windows would cut out light to the left-hand side of our property significantly. This would impact the upper hallway, the front upper bedroom and the kitchen. Number 29 would also suffer a loss of privacy in the garden with the proposed viewing platform. I am not concerned about the size of the proposed extension at the rear of the property. My main concern is the loss of privacy and light that the dormer windows and roof extension will have on number 29.