

PLANNING REF : 242733
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 38 Glebe Lane
: Sonning, Reading, Berkshire
: RG4 6XH
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Jacqueline Wright
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/11/2024

COMMENTS:

I object to this application on the following grounds:

1) The 'as is' build is an overbearing, grey monstrosity that is directly at the end of our garden. The approved plans stated that "The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall be of a similar appearance to those used in the existing building unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the building is satisfactory." The owners have completely disregarded this requirement. The original building was brick built (like all other local properties), painted white to the ground floor with reddish brown tiles. The 'as is' has a completely new first floor and roof made from 8 portacabins bolted together with grey slats externally and black tiles. It is completely at odds with all other local properties and it has created an incredibly ugly and overbearing building.

2) The 'as is' build seems much higher than the approved plans. The earlier refused plans had proposed a much higher ridgeline but this was reduced when re-submitted and the planning officer comments that "this has been reduced to approximately 6.3 metres, thus significantly reducing the top heavy and bulky nature of the previous proposal. Whilst the ridge height would slightly increase from the current high point in the ridgeline, this is only by a marginal amount." Again this has been disregarded. I cannot measure the building but I am sure it is much higher and it now has a very top heavy and overbearing appearance. The owners appear to have submitted amended plans in order to get approval but then gone ahead and created a structure of their choosing and completely ignored the planning approval with complete disregard for Wokingham Council planning officers and Committee.

3) If the owners had originally submitted plans for the 'as is' building I would have objected at that time. However, I cannot believe that the plans for the 'as is' structure would have been approved and I would urge the Council to refuse the 'as is' plans and insist that the extension complies with the plans you originally approved.