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Application Number: 260063

PROPOSED ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING CONSERVATORY, PLUS CHANGES TO FENESTRATION

As a direct neighbour of 49 Reeves Way (the Planning Application site) I wish to submit my views as follows, and as such have no alternative but to OBJECT to the application, as it stands:

1. SIZE OF THE EXTENSION AND ITS APPEARANCE FROM OUR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT PROPERTY AT 51 REEVES WAY –

Wokingham Borough Council's Borough Design Guide (for any new build or extension) states "The primary consideration is impact upon neighbours".

The proposed extension, which is the subject of part of this application, is of a large area and extends the whole width of the existing house. It will therefore extend close to our boundary fence and will be overbearing in appearance from our adjacent property as we would be looking out on a large plain brick wall from our dining room window. Also the design is one with a single pitch roof with two plain brick walls at either side that would slope up to height just below the existing first floor windows.

The proposed extension is 4.365 metres in length from the existing rear wall of 49 Reeves Way and this is in contravention of the Borough's Design Guide which states "Rear extensions should not project more than four metres from the main wall where they are close to a side boundary". The distance from the wall of the proposed new extension to the side boundary of the property (the fenceline between 49 Reeves Way and 51 Reeves Way) is only 1.04 metres.

I would therefore prefer and suggest that the extension be only the maximum of 4 metres and that it should have a hipped roof design, where there are 3 pitches of roofline as shown on the diagram attached to the hardcopy of this document. (Which will be delivered by hand to the Council's offices, prior to the deadline for comments.) If the roof is sloped in from both sides, as well as the rear facing slope (ie 3 sides to the roof pitch), it would help to mitigate some of my concerns. This would result in the new side brick wall being lower in height along its length with a small side pitched roof sloping away from our property. This would be much less bulky and overbearing in appearance. This hipped style roof would also match the shape of the existing rear extension at 16 Crail Close (the property immediately to the rear of 49 Reeves Way and in direct view of this property) as well as the existing single storey conservatory/extension to the rear of 47 Reeves Way, making the proposed new extension to 49 Reeves Way more aesthetic to the eye and in keeping with the neighbouring area.

Also a much shallower pitch of roof (reducing the height of the extension where it meets the existing rear wall of 49 Reeves Way) would reduce the side view effect from our property.

I would request that the extension be set back from the house edge at a similar distance to the existing conservatory at 49 Reeves Way which will be removed. This would again reduce the overbearing impact of the extension.

The Council's Residential Design Checklist states "Paragraph 2 – Do they relate well to their context, including both the existing site and neighbouring properties" and "Paragraph 24 – For proposed alterations or extensions to existing dwellings, is the proposal well designed in relation to the original building, to the neighbouring properties and to the character of the local area". I would argue

therefore that a hipped roof style at a lower pitch would be more in keeping with the neighbouring properties because of the hipped style roof of the existing large rear extension at 16 Crail Close (the property immediately to the rear of 49 Reeves Way) and the hipped style roof of the existing rear extension at 47 Reeves Way.

2. PROPOSED NEW SIDE WINDOW OVERLOOKING ONTO OUR PROPERTY

The new proposed window in the side wall of 49 Reeves Way, directly overlooking our property at 51 Reeves Way is very large – it is a double width standard height window – and we therefore strongly object to the size and positioning of this window. Currently the plans show this new window without any label to say whether it has obscured glass.

We had previously spoken to the new owner of 49 Reeves Way and he had asked whether we would have any objection to a fanlight design window in this wall and we had indicated that we would not. So we are surprised by the drawing of a double width and full height window on the planning application plans. We would want this window amended to a fanlight design set as high as possible (and without it compromising the roof structure of the existing lean to storage area between 49 and 51 Reeves Way). We would naturally want this higher fanlight window to have obscured glass to prevent any overlooking onto our property.

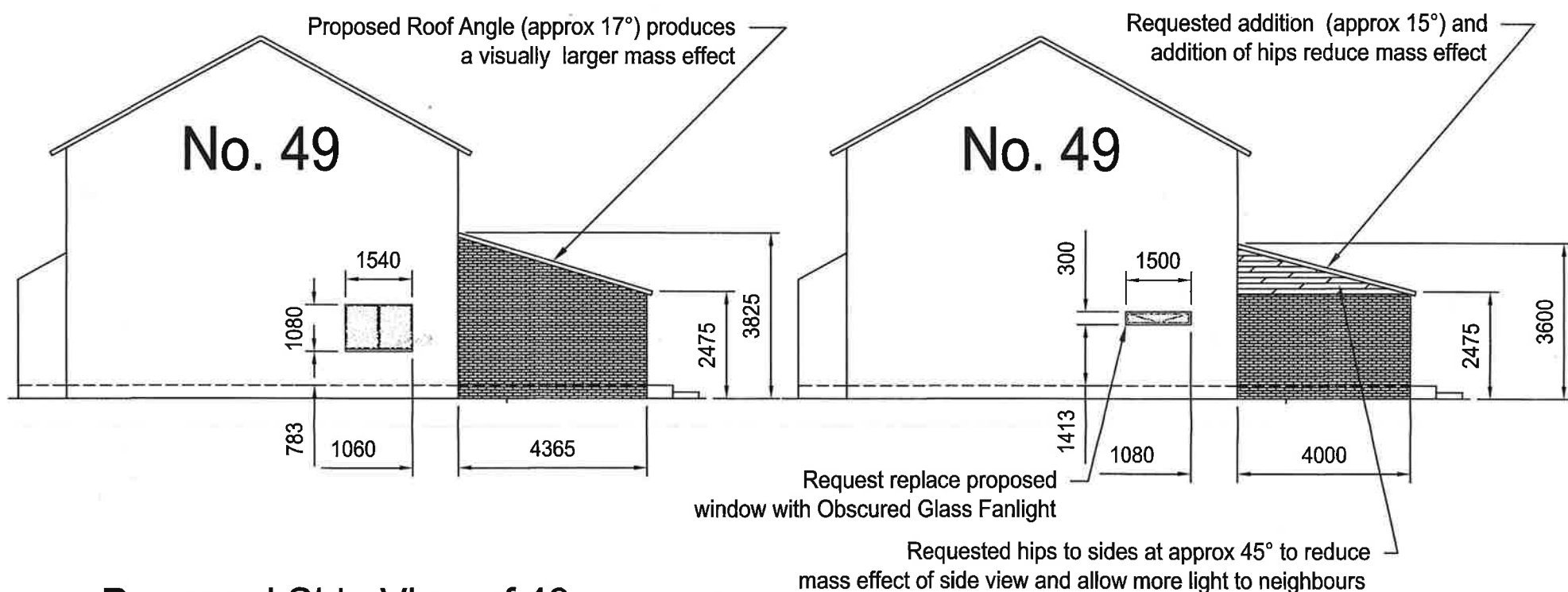
I note that Material Considerations for Planning applications include – overlooking, loss of light and overbearing impact.

I therefore do not feel it is unreasonable to request the above changes, which would also be in line with the Council's own planning guidelines.

These comments together with my sketch will be hand delivered to the Wokingham Borough Council office on Friday 30th Jan 2026 for the attention of planning department (ref application 260063).

Objections to planning application on the grounds of size and mass of extension causing detrimental visual impact, intrusion of privacy and loss of aerial light to 51 Reeves Way

Side Views

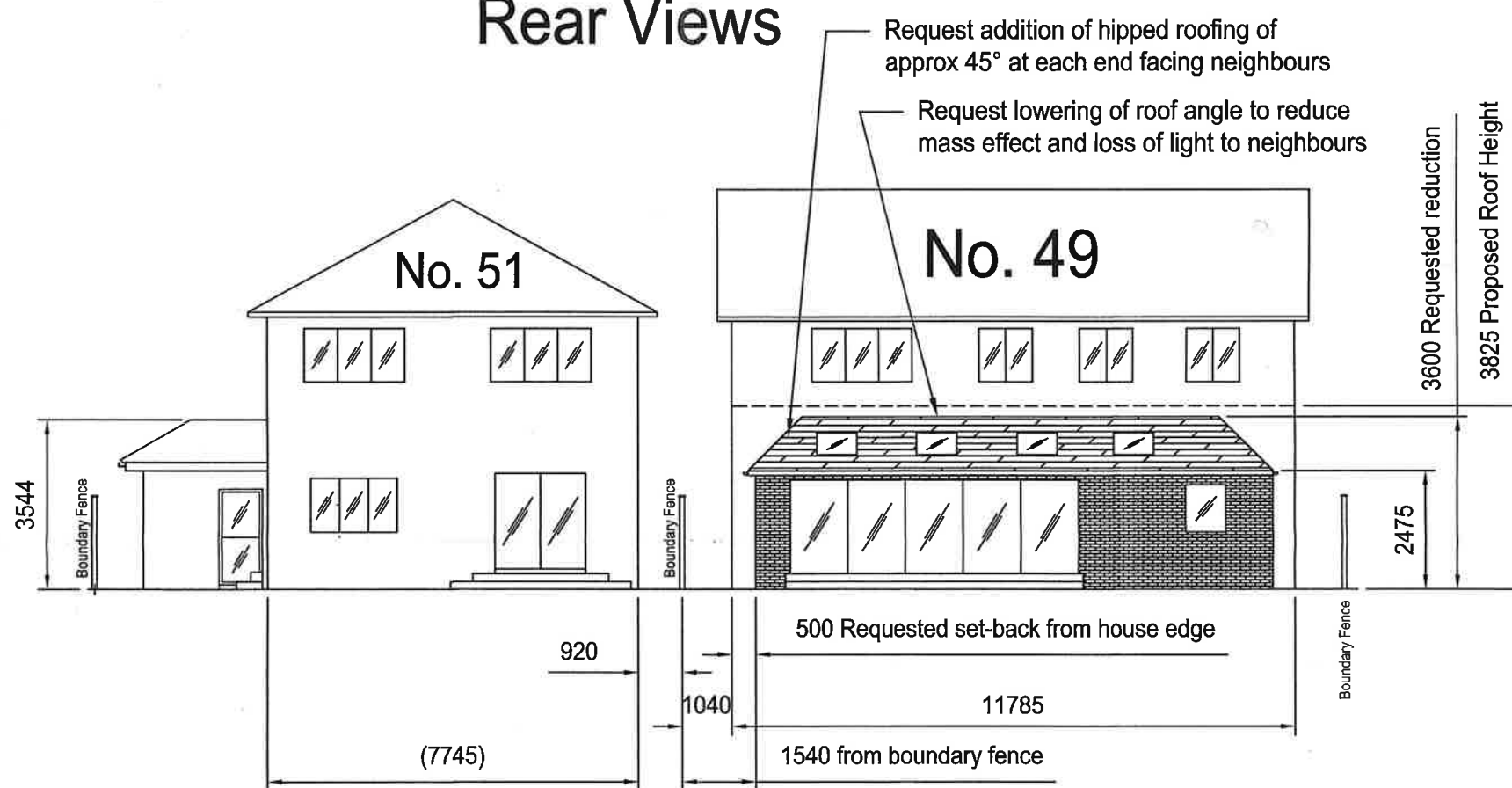


Proposed Side View of 49
Reeves Way (260063)

Requested Side View of
49 Reeves Way

All dimensions approximate

Rear Views



Existing Rear View of
51 Reeves Way

Requested Rear View of
49 Reeves Way

All dimensions approximate

Objections to planning application 260063 at 49 Reeves Way

Sketch reference:
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