

PLANNING REF : 241979
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 20 Rathby Close
: Lower Earley, Reading
: RG6 4ER
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Robert Bartlett
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COMMENTS:

We have a particular set of circumstances in that Number 18 is one of five houses sharing a relatively small, private driveway at one end of Rathby Close. There is a common entrance/access way, with each property having allocated parking off of this. The upkeep of the common

entrance/access way is the shared responsibility of all the home owners. It is currently in a poor state. This building work will necessitate the continual arrival and departure of large heavy industrial vehicles that could add to further subsidence and deterioration of the drive surface - will any further damage be remedied by those responsible? (Number 16 is let out as an Airbnb, fifty-two weeks a year, and their private refuse company has already collapsed part of the drive and they have refused to repair it).

Parking is already a problem within this small area and non-allocated parking space is often used, blocking the access way causing obstruction, nuisance and inconvenience that has led to some unpleasant incidents. There are times when emergency vehicles would find it difficult to get to some of the properties - the Airbnb currently have three large Openreach vans in here. The extension to the front of Number 18's garage will take up some of their own current parking space while increasing the number of bedrooms and facilities thereby increasing the potential for future occupancy, and therefore car owner/drivers, while decreasing the already limited parking space which will lead to more parking chaos.

The extension work has the kitchen being moved which means that there will be work needed to the drainage and mains water systems - I trust this will only affect Number 18 and the other properties will be unaffected.