

PLANNING REF : 243125
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Remenham Row
: Wargrave Road, Henley-On-Thames
: RG9 2LQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Patricia Basden
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/02/2025

COMMENTS:

I live at number 1 Remenham Row and wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this planning application.

The Retirement Villages Group planning proposal to build a three story apartment block to be sited only a few metres from our dividing wall is badly thought out. At the moment I am not overlooked by anyone, but a three storey building with windows and balconies directly facing my sitting room, dining room, master bedroom and bathroom would change this to the point where I would lose my privacy. My balcony and terrace would also be completely overlooked and this is my only outside space. Therefore the degree of overlooking and overshadowing would be immense. The report "Daylight and Sunlight Impact to Neighbouring Properties" states that my property "will not be BRE Compliant" with one of my windows "losing 24% of light", which is unreasonable.

The current lounge at Thamesfield will be demolished and in that area a large outdoor seating area is planned and I am concerned that this may create a high level of noise, which I would most definitely hear when sat on my terrace or balcony, or have my windows open. I am also concerned at the additional noise and light pollution from the balconies overlooking Remenham Row.

The height of the building will inevitably have a great impact on my right to light, view and privacy and I find it totally unacceptable. Like my fellow neighbours, I moved here for a peaceful retirement in this tranquil setting. If this application is approved this will completely destroy this, causing harm and it will also affect property prices at Remenham Row.

Thamesfield stands on a large plot and any extension to the building should be considered on the south side of the site.

Only about one year ago alterations were carried out at Thamesfield - small compared with those that are being proposed. They continued for about six months and I could clearly see the workmen and they could easily see into my sitting room, dining room, bathroom, balcony and terrace. The noise and air pollution caused by this massive redevelopment may create health problems to the residents of Remenham Row and would certainly be very disruptive for a number of years.

The proposed materials are not in keeping with current Thamesfield buildings nor Henley more widely. On the basis that this proposed building will be seen from the river and opposite bank it will stand out "like a sore thumb".

In view of the above comments I ask that members of the Wokingham Borough Planning Committee make arrangements to visit Remenham Row in order to fully understand the implications this proposal would have on Remenham Row and the wider community of Henley.

