

PLANNING REF : 243125
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 11 Remenham Row
: Wargrave Road, Henley-On-Thames, Oxfordshire
: RG9 2LQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Barbara Joan Silver
DATE SUBMITTED : 29/01/2025

COMMENTS:

I live at number 11 Remenham Row and I wish to strongly object to this planning proposal.

This is a small, peaceful, beautiful retirement complex with 12 properties, comprising of eight cottages and four apartments. At present there is a single storey building that runs parallel with the boundary wall between Remenham Row and Thamesfield. The proposal to demolish this and replace it with a three storey block of apartments will have a major impact on all of us here at Remenham Row. The sheer bulk of the building, with a height of 10.86 metres will block light, view and privacy for those homes directly facing Thamesfield. To infer that the proposed building will be set further back from the boundary wall than the existing single storey building, is completely untrue and the proposed building will be closer to the wall by five metres at a certain point. Retirement Villages Group (RVG) have confirmed that there is insufficient room at this point for any planting between the proposed building and the boundary wall.

The sheer mass of the proposed building will be seen from my house and will have a detrimental effect on my view. The proposal to include windows and balconies directly facing numbers 1 - 5 Remenham Row would allow occupants of the apartments to look directly into bedrooms, bathrooms and living rooms of these properties, which is totally unacceptable.

We only found out by accident about the consultation event organised by RVG back in October 2024. No consideration has been given to the impact this proposal will have on the residents of Remenham Row, Thamesfield's closest neighbour.

The proposed materials to be used being of grey ceramic cladding and red brick are not in keeping with current buildings on the Thamesfield site, nor with the surrounding area. To infer that by using red brick that this will blend with the homes at Remenham Row is absurd. Due to the bulk of the proposed building this will completely dominate the view from Remenham Row and I believe would have a negative effect on property values. The proposed building would be easily visible from the opposite side of the river and is not in keeping with the local vernacular, and it is important to remember that this is in a Conservation Area.