

PLANNING REF : 251904
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Wisteria
: 2 Garde Rd Sonning, Reading, Berkshire
: RG4 6XJ
SUBMITTED BY : Prof Alastair Driver
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/10/2025

COMMENTS:

Our property - No 2 Garde Rd - has a common boundary to the south of No 3 and our house is a few metres away from the building being extended. We wish to object to the above planning application for three reasons - all of which are a material consideration in WBC planning policy terms.

1. Loss of light - the proposed first floor extension will cut out almost all of the sky visible from our kitchen window which faces north directly towards No 3. This will have a major impact on the light entering our property and make both the kitchen and that face of the house (which is our main access point) very dark.

2. Privacy - the windows proposed for the first floor extension face straight into our kitchen window, which would severely impact on our privacy.

3. Planning policy - WBC has had a policy for many years to promote affordable housing in Sonning, although as yet there has been little or no uptake of that policy. This is currently one of the very few privately-owned "affordable" properties in the village, but the proposed extension works will immediately lift it out of that category. This surely has to be an important consideration?

I should emphasise that material considerations 1 and 2 above, only apply to the first floor extension at the front of the building. We are not affected by the extension to the rest of the property, as the garages of our property and No 3 lie between the two houses.

Prof Alastair and Mrs Belinda Driver
Owners of No 2 Garde Rd