

PLANNING REF : 243017
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 2 Barkhart Close
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: RG40 1PN
SUBMITTED BY : Rachel Collins
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/12/2024

COMMENTS:

In 2009 a planning application was filed and refused for an extension to 4 Barkhart Close on the basis that the proposed extension would be an overdevelopment of the site. The new owners submitted an application for an extension in September 2024 which I objected to, and for understandable reasons was refused. Having now resubmitted the application, the plans have only had minor modification and my view still stands in that I object to the application. Following review of the revised plans for this application, my view is that this would also be a overdevelopment of the site and I feel strongly that we need to maintain the look and feel of the close without further development.

There is a strong feeling of objection to the proposed extension within the close and 6 out of 8 owners have submitted objections. Barkhart Close is a small development of 9 houses on un-adopted land and since I moved into the close in 2012 only renovation and upgrades of kitchens, bathrooms, gardens etc have taken place. This has caused disruption in the close but as works have been for a limited period of time it was understood by all owners. The scope of works for this application is a major build and if approved, the works will cause extensive disruption in the close as there is no possibility to accommodate building materials, contractors etc without significant inconvenience to all residents. Weight restrictions are in place within the close and based on the location of number 4, I cannot foresee how building materials will be delivered to site and subsequently moved and stored as they have stated so they will not take up space or be visible for neighbours. Whilst the owners at number 4 have tried to outline how this would be dealt with, the information that they have provided is limited and I think unrealistic particularly around timeline for the project.