

PLANNING REF : 251398
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 204 Kingfisher Drive
: Woodley, Berks
: RG53LQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Paul Nemeth
DATE SUBMITTED : 01/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to the retrospective planning application for the permanent car lift installed at the neighbouring property.

The development is already in place, so its impact on the local environment can be directly assessed. I believe it has a harmful and unacceptable effect on the residential character of the area for the following reasons:

1. Noise Disturbance

The mechanical operation of the lift creates intrusive noise, including metallic movement and hydraulic sounds. This has caused repeated disruption, particularly during the summer months when its use has been more frequent. The noise travels clearly into neighbouring gardens and internal rooms, affecting the peaceful enjoyment of our home.

2. Visual Intrusion & Harm to Residential Amenity

The lift and elevated vehicles are prominently visible from our garden and bedroom windows. Its industrial appearance is completely out of keeping with a quiet residential setting and creates a constant sense of intrusion. It has reduced the amenity and privacy of our outdoor space.

3. Overlooking & Loss of Privacy

When a vehicle is raised, it overlooks our garden, removing the reasonable level of privacy that residents should expect in their own homes. This is a direct and ongoing loss of amenity.

4. Negative Impact on Character of the Area

The installation introduces a feature more suited to a commercial or industrial environment. Allowing such structures sets an inappropriate planning precedent that would further erode the character and visual quality of the neighbourhood.

5. Incorrectly Described as "Temporary"

Although described in the application as a temporary installation, the structure has already been in place and in regular use for a prolonged period, including year on year. This demonstrates that its presence is not temporary in nature and that the level of impact

should be assessed as long-term and ongoing.