

PLANNING APPLICATION NO 243017 – 4 BARKHART CLOSE WOKINGHAM RG40 1PN

Our Planning Application has been re-submitted after listening to the comments of our neighbours in Barkhart Close following our previous application.

It should firstly be noted that this is a **small** single storey extension, just 2 metres in depth, 0.5 metres stepped away from the site boundary and 7.3 metres in length across the back of existing house line. When built it will certainly be less obvious than the large Conservatory at the back of No 1, and in keeping with the stepped-out building lines at the back of No 2 and No 3.

In this revised application we have purposely now stepped away from the site boundary after listening to previous comments by No 5. You will see in fact in Photograph No 1, with us facing SE, that the kitchen window of No 5 is completely in sun by 9 am as the sun is already in a position in the sky to illuminate the whole window area, with no shadow at all from our existing wall. With the step away for our proposed extension, the kitchen of No 5 will still retain that full sun and there will be no shading to the kitchen window of No 5. In fact their own shed, fence and bushes in the garden - not our wall of the proposed extension would be seen from their kitchen window (see second photograph)

We have had discussions with our proposed Building Company, and they are fully aware of not only the opinions of residents in the Close, but also have worked in many areas with similar situations so realise that the use of **small** skips will be as infrequent as possible and also positioned for as short a time as possible. We are also aware of the 3 tonnes weight limit on the space where the skip would be sited. We will leave things in our garden until skip deliveries and fill them then clear away and arrange skip collection asap. There will NOT, as suggested in Planning Comments be a skip placed for an “unspecified time”.

Regarding parking, Wokingham Council only allow dispensation for parking on SINGLE yellow lines, and furthermore that parking must be on the line in an area where it causes no obstruction to road users. Contractors certainly will not be able to park on any of the double yellow lines near the Close entrance or any other double yellow lines in Barkhart Drive as suggested by several comments by Barkhart Close residents. I would propose that if any contractors need to park on the single yellow line, that this is on the line on Barkhart Drive against a wooded area where in fact our own residents in our Close, park at the weekend. Note also we propose to move our own car out of the Close during the works and park elsewhere to allow Contractors to freely walk across our car park space without nuisance to anyone in the space next to us.

Other points raised in my Statement stand true as stated

Ann and David Hughes
22nd Decembre 2025