

PLANNING REF : 250589
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Westlake
: 1b Rowan Drive, Crowthorne, Berkshire
: RG45 6RY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Daniel Kenison
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COMMENTS:

I am a resident of 1b Rowan Drive and I wish to submit the following comments in relation to the proposed two-storey extension of the existing bungalow located on our street.

Firstly, whilst I do not object in principle to the conversion of the bungalow into a two-storey family home, I am concerned about certain elements of the proposed design which appear out of keeping with the existing character of the street. Notably, the plans include the installation of black UPVC windows. All of the properties on our road currently feature white UPVC windows, and the introduction of black frames would be incongruous with the overall aesthetic of the street. This could undermine the traditional and cohesive visual appeal of the area.

In addition, the proposed plans indicate the inclusion of exterior cladding on the first floor, yet there is no clear specification regarding the material or colour of the cladding. This lack of detail makes it difficult to assess the visual impact of the proposal. I would urge the planning authority to seek clarification on this point, as inappropriate materials or colours could further detract from the overall character and harmony of the street.

I am also concerned about the practicality and accuracy of the proposed parking arrangements. The plans suggest that four vehicles could be accommodated on the driveway; however, this seems overly ambitious given the space available. In reality, it appears that the driveway could comfortably accommodate two possibly three vehicles, without causing obstruction or requiring difficult manoeuvres. With the addition of multiple bedrooms as part of the extension, there is a high likelihood of increased vehicle ownership and therefore additional on-street parking. This could result in overflow parking onto the main road, which is already busy and frequently used as a cut-through for residents from Greenwood Road, New Wokingham Road and surrounding areas. Such congestion could pose traffic and safety issues for pedestrians, residents, and through-traffic, particularly during the construction phase when larger vehicles and works traffic will also be present.

In summary, I would respectfully request that the planning department takes into consideration the following concerns:

The proposed black UPVC windows being out of keeping with the established character of the street;
Lack of detail regarding the material and colour of the first-floor cladding;
The unrealistic parking provision leading to potential traffic congestion and disruption for residents.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Kenison
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