

PLANNING REF : 243125
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 4 Remenham Row
: Wargrave Road, Henley-On-Thames
: RG9 2LQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Elizabeth Smith
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/10/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to strongly object to the revised application to redevelop Thamesfield Retirement Village. I am very disappointed that the comments and concerns of the residents here at Remenham Row have not been addressed and very little has changed.

As mentioned in my first objection I live at number 4 Remenham Row and have lived happily for many years in an environment that I find peaceful, private and providing an excellent quality of life. Remenham Row is a lovely small development comprising of 12 properties for the retired.

I find it insulting that because balconies have been removed from the plans and replaced with large ugly dormer windows, Retirement Villages now consider the building to be a 2.5 storey, instead of 3. This is ridiculous as the height and mass of the building remains the same and there are still 3 floors of apartments. A three storey building replacing an existing single storey building will totally dominate the Remenham Row properties. At the point the proposed new building is directly opposite my home, which is 16.5 meters from the boundary wall, it will be five metres closer than the existing single storey building, which is totally unacceptable. I dread to think of the devastating impact this would have for all of the residents at Remenham Row.

The proposed materials of brick and grey metal cladding are not in keeping with existing Thamesfield buildings, nor the surrounding area. A three storey building with Juliette balconies and large picture windows all directly facing the front of my home will drastically impact my privacy, light and view, therefore destroying all of the points I raised above as to why I love living in Remenham Row.

At the moment no one in Thamesfield can look directly into my property or the surrounding grounds. However, with windows and Juliette balconies directly facing Remenham Row this would no longer be the case. There is also a risk of noise from Juliette balconies and open windows and there will be considerable light pollution. I believe this would deter people from wanting to move to Remenham Row and inevitably impact our property prices.

The proposed building would be higher than the existing white building and despite what the revised application suggests, this would still be seen from the Henley town side of the river. It is totally out of character and not in sympathy with the properties at Remenham Row or the wider Henley architecture and is situated in a Conservation and Green Belt area. We need to protect this beautiful area that we live in.

As I mentioned before there are other areas within the large

Thamesfield site which could be utilised for any development deemed necessary, which would have no impact on neighbouring properties, or the visual importance for Henley.

In order to fully understand the devastating affect this would have on myself and fellow neighbours, I strongly request that Wokingham Borough Council Planners make arrangements to visit Remenham Row to see this issue from our perspective