

PLANNING REF : 243125
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 4 Remenham Row
: Wargrave Road, Henley-On-Thames, Oxfordshire
: RG9 2LQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Elizabeth Smith
DATE SUBMITTED : 31/01/2025

COMMENTS:

I live at number 4 Remenham Row and have lived happily here 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 wish to formally object to the proposal to redevelop Thamesfield Retirement Village. 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.

The proposed materials of red brick and grey ceramic cladding are not in keeping with existing Thamesfield buildings, nor the surrounding area. A three storey building over 10 metres in height with windows and balconies directly facing my home will drastically impact my privacy, light and view, therefore destroying all of the points I raised in my first sentence as to why I love living in Remenham Row.

Whilst Retirement Villages Group suggest that the impact on light "will not be noticeable by the occupants", their "Daylight and Sunlight - Impact on Neighbouring Properties Report" states that the Annual Probable Sunlight Hours for numbers 1 - 4 Remenham Row will reduce by approximately 20 - 26% in the winter months.

At the moment no one in Thamesfield can look directly into my property or the surrounding grounds. However, with windows and balconies directly facing Remenham Row this would no longer be the case. There is also a risk of noise from open windows and people sat on their balconies. 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 would be easily seen from the Henley town side of the river. It is out of character and not in sympathy with the wider Henley architecture and is situated in a Conservation and Green Belt area.

It would appear to me that there are other areas within the 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 recommend that Wokingham Borough Council Planners make arrangements to visit Remenham Row to see it from our perspective.