

PLANNING REF : 261889
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 7 Finchampstead
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3TT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Peter Birtles
DATE SUBMITTED : 20/08/2026

COMMENTS:

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to formally object and express our concerns with regards to the bungalow to house conversion development planning application for 5a Cricket Hill Finchampstead RG40 3TN

Firstly, it is understood there is a legal covenant on 5a Cricket Hill prohibiting the erection of any building other than a bungalow on the site. So for this reason Wokingham Borough Council are legally required to reject the application.
We note the proposal description downplays the fact that this is a bungalow to house conversion development.

From our perspective;
The bungalow backs very closely on to our property behind the boundary fence.
The increase in height to convert the bungalow to a 2 storey house, as shown in the proposal plans, would cause us severe loss of privacy due to the 2 large upstairs rear windows which would directly overlook and face into our 2 rear bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen.
The height of the new house would also overshadow our rear garden causing shading & loss of daylight.

This would have a huge impact on enjoyment of our garden and completely remove the privacy of it that we have enjoyed for the 26 years we have lived here.

We further feel a 2 storey house is totally inappropriate for such a narrow plot given its close proximity to the boundaries with neighbours. The proposed development would be very imposing.

The bungalow already has at least 3 existing bedrooms at ground level so the "habitable accommodation" proposed already exists. There is easily enough space on the existing bungalow footprint to add another bedroom.

We feel that the construction of an 2 storey building, totally overlooking us and ruining our privacy, will have a very negative impact on us, our well being and that of close neighbours. It is inappropriate for the site.

Therefore, for the above reasons, we are objecting to application number 261889.

Yours faithfully,
Mr & Mrs Birtles
7 Woodmoor