

PLANNING REF : 261625
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 17 Harcourt Drive
: Earley
: RG65TL
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Christopher Hall
DATE SUBMITTED : 24/07/2026

COMMENTS:

We have two major objections to planning application 261625 for 41 Harcourt Drive, Earley, RG65TL.

1. There is nowhere near enough space to park cars belonging to those living in the eight rooms of this HMO. There is space for two in the front of the building and one could possibly be parked on the road

outside the house. That is the maximum that should be allowed. If this plan is approved, or indeed a revised plan for a 5, 6 or 7-room HMO, excess cars will be parked elsewhere in Harcourt Drive and, if no space is available, up on the grass verges blocking the pavement or elsewhere blocking access by emergency vehicles. Harcourt Drive is already crowded with vehicles owned by those visiting Reading University. This application will only make matters much worse.

2. The proposed extension to 41 Harcourt Drive creates a semi-detached house that is grossly out of proportion to other similar properties in the road. Its floor area is well over twice the floor area of the original house as it was built in 1960. Several other houses in the road have been extended, but none on this scale. Allowing this application would set a precedent for changes which would completely alter the character of the area.

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