

PLANNING REF : 250851
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 38 Caribou Walk
: Three Mile Cross
: RG7 1WR
SUBMITTED BY : Mr I Bassi
DATE SUBMITTED : 22/04/2025

COMMENTS:

We strongly object these proposals for the following reasons:

- This will set a negative precedent for the neighbourhood that has been well established and maintained over the previous 10 years, it will also set a negative precedent for the wider Wokingham borough if it were to be approved, potentially opening the floodgates for others to follow suit with two meter high solid enclosures in their front gardens.
- For the cat fencing to be properly erected within the property boundary, the established hedgerow will need to be cut back significantly within the boundary line which would cause unnecessary damage to the hedgerow and will likely cause the hedge to fail/die. This will look awful and be a real shame given the current aesthetic of all the properties along Caribou Walk which retain a uniform appearance with the existing hedging.
- This proposal will potentially devalue the neighbouring properties.
- The fencing will not only look like a caged zoo, but will also look like a prison, which would be disappointing especially on a plot fronting both an open play area and key footpath through the development. The unique landscape character of the houses along Caribou Walk fronting these areas should be retained
- Given the high value nature of the residents pet cats, one would assume the front gate (proposed within the cat fence) will always be locked when the cats are outside to ensure their safety. This would potentially result in deliveries (post, packages, food etc.) being left on the public footpath when the resident isn't present, which can attract thieves, pests and other unwanted attention. This will also be a hazard for the general public walking along this path, especially dog walkers and children.
- Noise could also be another factor, with dogs potentially barking at cats being present in this space. Also noise from people/children calling out towards the cats etc.
- The front garden already contains numerous items such as a garden table & chair set and a garden shed (seen photos submitted alongside the proposal) etc. With the significant stripping back of hedging required to facilitate this proposal, this will lose the natural buffer that is currently screening all these items and will make everything far more visible than what it currently is.

We hope careful consideration of these points will be taken into account, to maintain the best interests of the surrounding residents and neighbourhood, when deciding the outcome of this application. Many thanks in advance.