

CLIENT AND HOMEOWNER STATEMENT (22/11/2024)

This Planning Application is a resubmission of a recently refused application, and the proposals have been amended after listening to the comments of our neighbours in Barkhart Close.

One of the most important considerations in our application is, and always has been, to keep any disturbance to our neighbours in Barkhart Close to a minimum. We are very aware that there are only three visitor spaces for use between the nine houses, and in fact we considered that when we moved into the Close in September. At that time, we paid for and agreed with the Council for parking dispensation on the yellow lines in Barkhart Drive for our second car for five days until it was sold, to avoid taking up a visitor space at all. With the proposed building work, we will closely liaise with our appointed building contractor so that parking disruption is kept to a minimum and as before we will pay for parking dispensation with Wokingham Council if necessary.

Regarding deliveries of all building materials, these will be delivered as for any other deliveries to the Close, and everything will be moved from the frontage and stored in the rear garden, so it will not be visible or take up any space for the neighbours in the Close.

We will need to park a skip for a short period of time during the building work, but as with other residents in the Close who have arranged for a skip to be parked in the past, this will be in the third visitor space near the fence, and we shall give notice to residents when this is required. The building contractor is aware of the need to use a skip for the minimum amount of time possible. We have been advised that the main external extension construction should take no more than 8 weeks to erect.

The proposed extension has been reduced in size and stepped off the side boundary with No. 5 Barkhart Close by 0.5metres meaning that the existing 1.8m high timber fence belonging to the owner of No.5 can remain in place. The step off the boundary with No 5 Barkhart Close, provides space and light between the houses so that the proposals are not overbearing on the occupants or garden of No 5.

We hope that this re-submission will allay worries in Barkhart Close.

Regards

Ann and David Hughes