

P/23/1445/VC – 53 Old Street

We wish to provide the Planning Committee with more details about our objections and show some photos to help appreciate the issues that will arise from allowing vehicular/pedestrian access to the front of the property.

The proposed off road entrance is directly opposite our drive which will add to the potential danger whilst exiting our properties. The new entrance is on an inside bend and the recommended visibility splays from the South are not available or possible within the owner's control, confirmed by Hampshire Highways.

The photos looking south and North along Old Street demonstrate normal parking on the Eastern side of Old Street and the narrowness of the road at this point.

A further photo of the rear parking that already exists for up to 4 cars is attached and furthermore the short access lane to the property has space for up to 2 visitor's cars.

Google Earth Photo shows the full screening of the property that existed before the owner removed it all breaching the Condition.

Street View Photo shows the property now FULLY exposed to Old Street and the gap in the fence is encouraging visitors to use this as an entrance to the property as we have witnessed on numerous occasions.

Vehicles drive past here at the 30mph speed limit and visibility is limited from the South with the risk of injury to a pedestrian using the new access or the current large gap created by the removal of trees and part of the fence.

The screening on revision 2 is not adequate and still leaves the property very exposed providing no privacy for us at all. The permission to build the property had Condition 4 put in for very good reasons, as the property was built much nearer Old Street than other properties to maximise land utilisation on the basis that no pedestrian or vehicular access would be allowed on this side of the property. It was a hard fought application for the developer to get planning permission for this property in the first place and we urge the council to uphold Condition 4 and to request that the frontage of 53 Old Street be fully restored.

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