

Highfield Residents' Association

22/01188/FUL | Erection of a two storey and first floor side extension including loft conversion. | 6 Crofton Close Southampton SO17 1XB

Highfield Residents Association objects to the Planning Application for the erection of a two storey and first floor side extension including loft conversion at 6 Crofton Close Southampton SO17 1XB.

HRA objects to **22/01113/FUL** on the following grounds:

- The proposed plans do not give enough detail to assess the impact on surrounding dwellings. For example the proposed front elevation is drawn without reference to the houses either side.
- For a large house, the statement that four parking spaces will be provided is deceptive, as one space is directly in front of the garage space and has the potential to be a 'ghost' parking space. Proposed parking for a 6-bed house that is a tenanted property might not be sufficient.
- The Application Statement states –

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Trees and Hedges

Are there any trees or hedges on the property or on adjoining properties which are within falling distance of the proposed development?

Yes / **No**

Will any trees or hedges need to be removed or pruned in order to carry out your proposal?

Yes / **No**

A site visit this week and a Google maps photograph (2008) of the front of the house shows two car spaces on a drive way and then mature conifers and grass. There is possibly that only one parking space and the garage are currently viable due to the overgrown hedge and conifers. In order to create a fourth parking space the applicant should have selected 'Yes' in answer to the questions. The application form is not truthful. HRA objects to the removal of mature trees and habitat.

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Parking

Will the proposed works affect existing car parking arrangements?

Yes / **No**

The applicant should have selected 'Yes' in answer to this question as the Planning Application works include increasing parking spaces. The application form is not truthful.

- In the construction of additional parking space, HRA objects to the concreting over of any porous material i.e. grass, and requests that, should this Planning Application be approved, a condition is applied to make the additional parking space a porous material.
- Should the 3 / 4 parking spaces not be sufficient, it is not clear where any overspill parking could be accommodated in Crofton Close.
- Dimensions of the side and roof extensions are not given in an appropriate amount of detail for judgements to be made regarding scale or overdevelopment. For example is the roof to be raised or is it to be a loft conversion? Would this lead to a potential of overlooking to the back or the front?

HRA requests that the application be refused, at least pending a more detailed submission, so that proper assessment can be made as to its impact on the whole of the surrounding estate.

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