

For the Attention of Dorothy Hei-Tung-Hoh (Case Officer)

Planning Application Comments for No 15 Walker Gardens

Walker Gardens SO30 2RH

Application No H/22/9370.

Dear Madam,



I would assume that the owners plan to tarmac their front garden in order to accommodate 3 cars. (It being a four bedroom property). As there is no drop kerb in place it is assumed the owners will use their existing drive and the private drive owned by No.'s 17, 19, 21 and 23 to enter and exit the property which is not acceptable. With a greatly reduced length of driveway due to the proposed advanced garage front alignment, the existing property frontage may not be deep enough to accommodate the cars, as a result they may encroach on the pavement and therefore be a risk to pedestrians. Their only other option would be to park further cars on an already congested road and be an obstacle to emergency vehicles wanting to access further into the estate.

They will also encroach on our shared drive and also be an eyesore from the front of property No. 23 to view for the duration. I was under the impression, along with the council's, and indeed the government's intentions to promote green strategies in the borough, to include the need to cease concreting over green space property frontages.

The 2 storey extension will have an effect on three surrounding properties, especially on No. 13, together with Nos 17 & 19 with privacy views into all gardens affected and also have significant bearing on afternoon and early evening sun/light. (I understand that as a council, your stance is that the light issue has no relevance in rejecting an application, very concerning.)

The width of the side ground floor garage and first floor bedroom extension design apparently falls foul on two counts. The primary being that it illegally incorporates a part of No. 13's side drive grass strip (as shown on their deeds), and secondly cause a totally unnecessary daily performance getting in and out

of their car for the duration. The extension roof and guttering would further intrude into No 13's property.

We can also reasonably expect the garage will not be long term and will convert into further living space (without the need for planning permission of course). The architect and owners certainly failed in their research prior to submitting their planning application for the extension and as such I would assume will have to re-submit amended application plans.

One can only wonder why the owners of No. 15 bought this property, only recently, in the first place as it in no way provided their living requirements and the increase in footage is a major project.

I trust that should this application be approved one can only assume that the matters of loss of privacy, appearance, visual and actual intrusion and parking affecting servicing of the estate matter very little to a committee that on the face of it have relaxed planning matters so much over recent times that it can't reverse the "oh well there's a similar development round the corner" policy that they seem to have adopted.

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