

22 Badger Close
Bishopstoke
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Eastleigh Borough Council
Planning Department
Case Officer Alex Webb
Application PN/23/94536

Dear Sir

I have been on the web site and completed an objection to the above application, but on reflection feel that I have missed a few points.

This badly thought out plan does not take into account the current parking issues. There are insufficient parking bays on site currently to cover the number of cars connected with the property. As a result, cars are parked in Badger Close, Dolphin Close and on Fair Oak Road - just ask the bus drivers about the cars parked either side of the bus bay! I understand from a resident of the flats, that they are asked to pay extra for parking. Is this allowed? I would have thought that with this type of development, available parking on site would be mandatory and not an extra. The site allows for one bay or garage per flat but has no provision for visitors or shared flats with more than one vehicle.

As a result of the parking problem, how are the contractors to have access to the site? Additional commercial traffic using and parking in Badger Close would be virtually impossible. I cannot imagine the Council or the bus company would welcome them having access from Fair Oak Road. And the cul de sac has several families with young children and is used by people with buggies accessing the pathways, so safety should be a paramount consideration.

If one of the residents of the houses applied to add another storey, they would be told it would not be in keeping with the current estate. This should also apply to the block of flats surely? Its appearance would be totally out of keeping with the rest of the properties around and it's height would block winter sunshine from many homes. We all know how people's health suffers from lack of sunlight particularly in winter and we are all being encouraged to get as much as possible. But for many that would then mean not in their own garden. The height would also impact on privacy with a direct view into many windows and gardens.

There are also concerns locally about the maintenance of the property. The fire brigade had to remove dangerous solar panels from the roof last year. Previous to this, one had blown off the roof and landed in Fair Oak Road. The owners were lucky no person or property was damaged. The hedges and fences around the perimeter of the site, are currently in need of attention. The foot path on the corner of the flats access road and the house in Badger Close, is damaged from cars and vans trying to turn at the end of the cul de sac, because of parked cars restricting the access. The dustmen often cannot get into the site,

I hope the committee will take into consideration the impact this will have on all the local residents.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs S Grapes