

Subject: FW: Planning application ref. F/23/95574 - 237 Chamberlayne Road and 5b Derby Road

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I accept the need for high density housing on this site and that other corner sites locally have flats but generally, where they join onto old houses they have had to match in to a certain extent, perhaps with bay windows, usually the buildings are the same height and scale. This development is not in keeping and copies the style of blocks of flats in other parts of the local area which I believe are separated from houses.

I think it's unfair on those living at the end of the street not to have houses facing them on Chamberlayne Road which would continue the rhythm and style of the street and be in scale and much more pleasant for them to live with than a block of flats.

Having a red brick building is a good idea, along with no render - but yellow brick? Again, matching other blocks of flats, not this street.

If the mature trees are damaged - and it might take some years for root damage to show up as 'disease' or 'fungus' or 'danger to the public' I would like assurances that the trees would be replaced if felled.

This area at the end of the road is used as a meeting place by students before proceeding to the schools or colleges and by parents/children before and after school and neighbours/friends/family meeting up so it would be good if the raised bed walls could be strongly rebuilt/repared so that seating could be added to the top of the walls (the rounded top layer of bricks has been 'robbed out' so restoring that would probably have the same result.) Sooner or later someone is going to declare these walls unsafe, but they make up the mini park feature of our street which should be cherished.

Exiting the back alley onto Derby Road, it's always been tricky to see the traffic coming but since the addition of the raised pavement area for the bus stop it's even more difficult, even on a push bike.

Lots of dog walkers use the back alley and people get off the bus on Derby road and walk through to get to the schools and colleges or other houses - and students walk, cycle, scoot, moped/motorbike-ride their way in some numbers at either end of the school day, sometimes also lunchtimes - the Road safety audit did not come at a busy time of day or even year (exam time) so I do not believe a realistic survey was undertaken. In addition, a recent development has been people making open parking spaces in their back gardens which seems to result in them driving straight out, totally not seeing who is in the back alley - two near misses that I know of (people with garage/gate access have to take things slower). Will the new site have markings making it clear those exiting the new car park will have to give way to anything in the back alley? There seems to be an assumption there is no non-motorised traffic using the alley which is untrue.

Motorised scooters and bikes are becoming increasingly popular and I think there should be some provision for these in the site parking plans. The Meadow Lane flats have lockable cages for bikes, for instance. If cars are being discouraged, what people will use instead should be thought of, not just that there's public transport.

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