

Dale Cottage Old Bursledon Southampton
HANTS SO3 8DL

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Planning Department
Eastleigh Borough Council
Eastleigh House
Upper Market Street
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Tuesday, 16 January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Application H/23/96533
Hacketts, High Street, Old Bursledon SO31 8DL

Thank you for notifying me about the planning application for Hacketts, which occupies a plot adjacent to Dale Cottage.

I object to the proposal for the following reasons:

The proposal would result in a large, tall, contemporary building being created in the Old Bursledon Conservation Area. The size and scale of the proposal is disproportionate to its neighbours. The building would be very out of keeping with the listed and other period properties close to it, notably Greywell, Lattice Cottage, Yewtree Cottage, Rosewood, Woodbine Cottage, and our own property Dale Cottage.

The applicant's suggestion that 'there would only be glimpses' of the proposed property from the High Street and from neighbouring properties such as ours at Dale Cottage are unfounded. The new floor would be extremely visible from Dale Cottage garden. The proposed second floor would very much overlook our property, and would be overbearing. The privacy of our garden and terrace would be lost as the occupants of Hacketts could see the entire garden from the second floor. I attach photos of the current Hacketts taken from Dale Cottage garden for comparison.

The addition of a second floor would significantly increase the habitable floorspace of the property. Hacketts was extensively expanded in about 2010 from its original configuration (see planning application C/10/67115), so I feel certain this proposal would increase its size by more than 25% since originally built.

I do not believe that the development at Hacketts enhances the street scene which is a valuable part of Old Bursledon and forms part of the much loved Strawberry Trail.

Furthermore, I do not believe that this 'adds to' the conservation area in which it sits. The purpose of the Old Bursledon Conservation area is to conserve the existing street scene, if plans like these are approved, then the charm and character of Old Bursledon will be lost.

Yours sincerely

William Blackmore

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Views of Hacketts from the garden of Dale Cottage





