

Appeal No 333114 14th May 2024

Dear Sir

My first query is connected to the size of the proposed new house. Roundabout this time last year the application was for a 3 bed house, when it was refused the application was altered for a 2 bed property, again that was turned down, now we are back to a 3 bed again, so which is it ?

The estate was built almost 100 years ago, it is well established, has aged well, is attractive with plenty of green areas and mature trees. I note that the only corner plots that have been sold and built on are in our road. There has been no thought to ensure that the newly built houses try to appear like the old ones and their addition has made the street cluttered.

As an example, the previous owners of my house sold off their corner plot and No 2A was squeezed in, this has reduced the side access to my house, making it virtually unusable, my drive has also been reduced and I only have one parking space, because my house is at an angle one end of the drive is a triangle and unsuitable to put a car. As a lifelong non driver that aspect doesn't affect me, but it maybe an issue for a future new occupant. The rear garden for 2A is a slice off mine, with the 6ft panel fences both sides of it those living there get very little sun. These points may need to be considered when you make your decision. I understand that Mr Michaels garden will also be sliced into two narrow strips, with the preference for 6ft panel fences this will result in 2 narrow boxes, with little sun, and with the possible inclusion of a shed in each one it will be overcrowded.

Currently the 2 parking spaces for No 17 O'Connell are at the side of the house, if the new build goes ahead they will become part of the building plot, in order for Mr Michael to create new spaces he will probably need to grub out a chunk of his mature front garden and possibly fell a lovely mature tree. I do not relish having cars being parked so close to the front of my house.

At present I have no privacy at the back of my house at all, with the removal by Mr Michael of a tall hedge on his boundary I am fully exposed, this occurred in Nov 2022, as yet nothing has been put in its place and if that is set to be a permanent situation, then the back of the newbuild will overlook my back garden and patio. I have already endured 18 months of a loss of privacy, security and invalidated house insurance. That said , even if a boundary fence is put in place my objection to the development still stands.

Yours sincerely Mrs Hazel McArdle

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