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CHERRY COURT, SALTERNS LANE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8DH

Construction of seven bedroom detached dwelling over three levels and associated landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling.

Planning Application Number F/24/97376

Dear Mr Osmond,

I am writing as Chair of Old Bursledon Action Group and Co-Founder of Old Bursledon Conservation Society, representing residents that support the Conservation Plan. We have been consultants for EBC for many years.

OBAG continues to oppose the proposed demolition of this perfectly good house in the Conservation Area and Special Policy Area. The proposal contravenes Policy BU7: (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f). N.B. Please see all our objections in the attached letter of 16/12/23.

However, closer inspection of the plans reveals that the increase in volume is NOT 25% but well over 50%! This proposal is obviously totally unacceptable and must be refused.

TREE-LOSS/ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS: Please will the planner and Tree Officers meet to investigate why so many trees were given permission to be felled at Cherry Court. Thank you.

- One oak, one elm, two ashes and two sycamores were felled completely and six more were heavily pruned (by up to 12 metres). The result is that the existing dwelling is now almost entirely visible from the River Hamble, SSSI and Ramsar Site, The much larger proposed building would obviously be even more '*detrimental to the character of the area as viewed from the River Hamble.*' Policy BU7(f).
- We would also like to know why Network Rail removed all the trees from the land between Cherry Court's boundary and the railway line. (This is not their usual practice.)

Please support our vitally important Conservation Plan and refuse this application.

Yours sincerely, Anna Poland. (Chair of OBAG and OBCS.)

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AIM: To ensure that the Planning Policies now in place to protect the rural character of Old Bursledon are upheld