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Subject: Proposed development at 3 Rochford Close
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APPLICATION NUMBER SMD/2021/0501
APPLICANTS NAME- MS.S.WILLIAMS
ADDRESS - 3 ROCHFORD CLOSE

Planning support customer services

Dear Sir /Madam

We would like to register our strong objection to the proposed building of another dwelling in Rochford Close.

Living at no.15, the proposed property would be directly across the road from ours. Having purchased my house in 1989 and choosing to move to an already developed estate, rather than a new build so to avoid the noise and inconvenience of a building site, I was shocked and saddened to see the plans to squeeze another house in directly across the road.

All houses in the Close were built with a garage, and a driveway for 1 vehicle, so reducing the garage by two thirds at No.3 to provide storage and squash another house with no garage in is not within keeping with the rest of the houses and surely will look strange and ruin the uniformity of the area.

The area of the road where the new properties planned parking bays are, is used constantly to accommodate vehicles that can't be parked on the residents driveways and also visitors vehicles, a new dwelling would increase the amount of vehicles using the Close (as this will be a family home with multiple cars, as most homes have these days) and take up valuable parking space.

Allowing another residence to go ahead, would mean the overflow of vehicles having to park around the entrance to Rochford Close, on the already busy Wallbridge Drive and also some residents may wish to remove their lawns to extend driveways to provide parking, this in turn along with the new dwelling would increase the rainwater run off, putting more pressure on the storm drains, which already struggle and in the past have dislodged during heavy rain.

As the proposer lives elsewhere, it is the residents that will have to suffer the disruption especially as the planned dwellings driveway is on, or very close to the corner, with all but the few houses at the Close's entrance inconvenienced. We are a small close and there isn't the room to accommodate large vehicles involved with a new build without compromising the safety and wellbeing of the people that live here especially as the new build will require a large amount of soil removing and a retaining wall building close to the footpath.

As someone expected to cover nightshifts, I can't imagine I would be getting any sleep with a house build going on outside my bedroom window.

3 Rochford Close has not been lived for a number of years so I don't see the need for another property as we already have one unoccupied property on the Close.

I do hope the residents, most of which have watched their children grow into adults here, are given a voice and this is not a done deal, as this intrusion will have a detrimental effect both mentally and physically on what is, at the moment a lovely place to live and hasn't the space to accommodate this garden grabbing development.

Kind Regards

Jon & Karen Stockley