

Greensance
The Orchard
Alton
Stoke-on-Trent
ST10 4DA

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Sir

Ref: Planning Application SMD/2021/0850

I would like to register concerns regarding the above application for the following reasons:

The new building of a garage with space above for what had been indicated to us would be used “primarily as a home office” is really an extra family entertaining space. The inclusion of a balcony at the rear, with a hot tub, can only be considered as “entertaining” space. This will lead to more noise projected out over the valley. By having this space at first floor level any noise is projected outwards towards our property not absorbed into the ground or surrounding shrubbery.

The “Heritage Statement” prepared by the company Smytheman Architectural Services include computer generated views of the garage/office from the west. These are views that are not seen by the public passing the property. It is views from the east and the south that are of far more concern to the public. The view from the south, as seen from Glen Drive, will be one of a large section of new grey roof rather than the current attractive “Tudor Revival” designed house. The view from the east is of greater concern as it is seen all the time when driving or walking down Cedar Hill. From the east the new building will be primarily glass with a balcony and spiral staircase. This is not in keeping with the design of the existing property. The absence of these views and any comments by the architect is at best unprofessional and at worst deliberately misleading.

Submitted for consideration

Signed by Alan Mendelson

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