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Submission: Objection

Comments: For the attention of Chris Johnston,

I am writing in objection to this application. I am the brother of Ed who is living in 12 Springfield Drive and I am appalled by this application. I have 4 main grounds for rejection as detailed below.

Overdevelopment

John has already developed 7 properties. By extending his existing property by almost double AND ON TOP OF THAT building another dwelling by Ed's boundary, it is a prime example of overdevelopment. It is totally overbearing - he's overdeveloped to the point where he can't even access his existing property by car from Springfield drive - this will have to be blocked off as detailed in the plan. The plan is totally out of tune with the one-story Springfield drive neighbourhood bungalows below. Importantly, by virtue of the property's high elevation, it will make the giant 3 story building feel even more imposing - in fact, the top floor will look into the gardens of all of the bungalows down the lane. The plan is therefore totally overbearing and goes way too far.

Unneighbourly

Ed has Down Syndrome and has started to live at 12 Springfield Drive to gain some independence, peace and privacy, which is obviously very important for him. He wants to feel safe, secure, and enjoy his life here. This will be destroyed by the new developments. Primarily, the huge 3 story extension to the existing property will tower over Ed's boundary - he will lose privacy in his back garden and kitchen/diner living space. He will feel enclosed, lose natural light and will lose important habitats and wildlife. Ed is particularly passionate about the environment - this will be destroyed with noisy construction works, the huge concrete extension and the screening which will happen. Ed has worked tirelessly to renovate the bungalow for the past year, only for it to be destroyed by these plans. The plan is therefore totally unneighbourly and of poor taste from John.

Past history of rejection

The plan has been rejected in the past.

Invasion of privacy

As mentioned above, the three story extension will completely tower over both Ed's back garden and kitchen/diner area. This will block natural light into Ed's kitchen/diner and he will be looked in on. He will also be towered over by the NEW house, plot 9 in his side access and front garden, where he likes to relax, read and garden. So, all angles of Ed's privacy will be ruined by this development.

For these reasons, this plan should be rejected. Building one property and destroying the quality of life, enjoyment and privacy of another household is unsustainable development and it would be tragic for the council to support such a proposal.

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