

10, Springfield Drive
Leek,
Staffordshire
ST13 6ET

6th April 2023

Dear Mr Johnston,

Proposal SMD/2023/0132 – The Orchard, Springfield Drive, Leek

I object to the above development proposal by John Hurst. It is unneighbourly and would significantly damage the use and enjoyment of the rear of my property, 10 Springfield Drive. I am happy for you to visit to see for yourself.

I am 84. I spend a lot of time in my garden. It gives me much interest and enjoyment. I also spend a lot of time sitting relaxing in my conservatory. John's proposal would take this away from me. A towering wall of two and three storey buildings will overpower the neighbourhood and is a ridiculous proposal. It will negatively impact on our privacy, light and openness to such an extent that it is totally unreasonable for John to propose this.

I am against garden grabbing for development as it takes away valuable green space in our town and damages our environment. If John is determined to develop his garden, he should be required to do so sympathetically within our quiet and private neighbourhood. Numbers 8, 10, 11 and 12 Springfield Drive are all single storey bungalows on spacious plots. John's proposal is out of keeping. Single storey alterations and additions by John would be in keeping. This is Springfield Drive not Deebank Heights.

Looking at the plans, there isn't space for what John wants to do, create another dwelling in the garden. So, as well as being unneighbourly, John's proposal is also over development. I ask that SMDC Trees is required to inspect the trees and provide assurance that they are properly protected both now during the current development works in Deebank Heights, and in the future. The trees frame our neighbourhood and support a lot of our precious wildlife.

Finally, I am concerned about the impact of the proposal on the front of my property. I feel uncertain about the proposed changes to the access to The Orchard. With the development of Deebank Heights, I regularly see strangers in cars and on foot up and down the Drive. In my opinion, if John wants to access The Orchard from Deebank, he must fence and hedge the whole of the boundary so that Springfield Drive remains a no through private Drive.

Please refuse this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Williams