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Submission: Objection

Comments: We object to the proposed planning application.

We purchased our 19th century house in September 2020 and have been sympathetically restoring it to compliment the other properties on our beautiful High Street which lies within the 'Alton and Farley Conservation Area'.

Our house is next door to number 17. The proposed rear extension will utterly devastate our current outlook onto our garden and St Peters Church. Our garden and the outlook that comes with it was one of the main reasons we bought our house. If this extension goes ahead we will be completely over shadowed by a 2.5 metre high, 5.2 metre long flat roofed 'brick box'. We do not feel the industrial modern style design is in keeping with a conservation area with numerous neighbouring listed buildings.

We will lose much of our skyline and daylight and the visual impact is abhorrent. We will no longer be able to see the church tower whilst sitting on our recently renovated patio. Our views from our kitchen window and our seating area will now be just a brick wall.

In addition to this, the planned first floor Juliet balcony will significantly reduce our privacy. Even more worrying as we have been advised that the property is going to be an Air B&B / holiday let. We already have 9 holiday lets on the first 100 metres of the High Street alone.

Whilst we appreciate that the owner has taken the trouble to have a Heritage Statement completed, we really feel that much of the content is utterly contradictory to 'Policy DC1 of the Core Strategy',

i.e. 'appropriate to the character of the area'.

'be designed to respect the site and its surroundings and promote a positive sense of place and identity through its scale, height, density, layout, siting, landscaping, character and appearance'.

'protect the amenity of the area, including residential amenity, in terms of satisfactory daylight, visual impact, sunlight, outlook, privacy, soft landscaping'.

Our residential amenity will be severely affected with these current plans, but we do appreciate that renovation of the property is much needed. We would welcome revised plans that are more considerate towards the people living in close proximity

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