

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 23/2401/FUL

**Address:** Land At Junction Of Roseleigh Close And Cambridge ParkCambridge ParkTwickenham

**Proposal:** Proposed development of 3no. maisonettes on land at Junction Of Roseleigh Close And Cambridge Park, Cambridge Park, East Twickenham

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

**Type of comment:** Object to the proposal

**Comment:** In addition to previously submitted concerns, we have these further objections.

Traffic generation, noise and disturbance:

The application proposes adding 3 residences (totalling 8 bedrooms) with driveways for 3 cars on the green plot. Reality is that households in this and all neighbouring boroughs host multiple vehicles. Roseleigh Close and the two neighbouring closes have resident-owned garages in which second cars are parked, which reduces pressure on residential parking spaces, all of which are utilised to capacity. In contrast, this planning application will introduce 3-6 extra vehicles into a road that lacks capacity to absorb the extra vehicular traffic and increased road noise.

Children in the neighbourhood play on sunny days at that corner; they stand to lose a chunk of play space accessible to the inner gardens between Roseleigh and Beaulieu Closes, and will also be exposed to increased road safety risk.

Density of building:

Living directly opposite the plot, we are intimately familiar with its proportions. The application omits clear measurements for the proposed works, instead suggesting a percentage for the ground that would be covered by the new building. We believe the proposed construction cannot possibly introduce the proposed number of residences and bedrooms in any liveable way onto a plot of this size, notwithstanding the proximity to such large established trees. The submitted drawings make the trees look tiny, like a tall hedgerow, when in reality each of the 4 adjacent trees is as tall and broad as a multi-storey building.

Design, appearance, materials:

Past planning applications in the Cambridge Park neighbourhood have successfully led to the extension of many existing properties and the construction of entire new homes, with attractive and liveable proportions, seamlessly in-keeping with the neighbourhood. We are concerned with how very severely this application fails to achieve this, in every way.

Apart from the angle of the proposed roof, no part of the design corresponds to or complements any element of design, appearance or materials-use of any nearby building, whatsoever.

The proposed 2nd floor corner balcony is a particularly startling anomaly.

The design disparity between existing buildings and proposed designs is huge. For example, existing maisonettes have bay windows and brown bricks and the application's documentation says that the proposed new buildings would have

these too. But the visualised designs offer nothing at all that is complementary to existing neighbourhood design elements. We are at a loss to explain just how at odds the proposed design is... considering a metaphor of comparing apples with apples, if the neighbourhood's existing buildings were apples, then a new design like a pear should fit in a complementary way, but this application is like comparing apples with Belinda Carlisle.