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Sent: 11 April 2024 08:53
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Cc: Thomas Faherty
Subject: FW: PLANNING Application 24/0693/FUL

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Kind regards

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Sent: 10/04/2024 18:25:01
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Dr Paul & Mrs Dora Ewing, Griffon Cottage, Cedars Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 4 BG

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Application: 24/0693/FUL
Land Between 18 - 20 Vicarage Road Hampton Wick

We fully support the above application as it will improve the architecture of Vicarage Road. In addition, and most importantly, it will improve security for all the surrounding properties.

Security

The back gardens of 18 and 20 Vicarage Road and 1A, Griffon Cottage and 3 Cedars Road are easily accessed by any person intent on trespassing and can easily walk up the Lane and hop over any of these garden fences.

Architecture - The architecture of the road is so varied and a number have been extended and bear little resemblance to the original build. For example 18 Vicarage Road has had its roof raised to accommodate a third floor with 5 dormer windows and its length has been increased by 30%. 20 Vicarage Road has had a third floor added with a full house width dormer extension, both properties overlook Griffon Cottage. One original house with a faux wood frame frontage has been totally altered and does not match any other houses in Vicarage Road.

The proposed house would fit perfectly in the mixture of architectural styles in Vicarage Road.

Wildlife - The Council holds records showing neighbouring properties have hedgehogs, stag beetles, song thrushes, frogs and bats. The Lane has never had a pond in all the time we have lived next door and we know of only one pond in the surrounding properties. The Lane was part of 3 Cedars Road owned by the Winters family from the 1960's to 2021. In the Lane the Winters had chickens, geese and ducks and this attracted rats. It had very few flowering plants that were nearly all removed by the family when the property was sold. It only had one tree at the boundary of Vicarage Road and was removed when the lane was cleared on the instructions of the Estate Agents acting on behalf of the owners of the Lane.

Our garden has access and a home for hedgehogs but we have not seen one in our garden for over 5 years. One of the Winters daughters was so pleased about our sighting as they had not seen a hedgehog in the Lane for 5+ years. Stag beetles are seen on warm summer evenings. The song thrush disappeared when their song post at 20 Vicarage Road was felled, they have not been seen or heard since. We have two ponds and a deep greenhouse tank where our frogs lived but they have all now disappeared some time ago. We introduced frog spawn last year but the froglets were eaten by the numerous cats in the neighbourhood.

Pipistrelle bats roost in 3 Cedar's Road's loft and were always sighted on warm summer's evening but their numbers have been decreasing, 2 bats were seen in 2023.

The only resident wildlife in the Lane is a fox den. The 6 cats that patrol the surrounding properties regularly kill small birds and in addition we have a female sparrow hawk that regularly visits and takes small birds.

The 'Lane'

In 42 years of overlooking the Lane we can honestly say it was never used as a garden but as an area to keep the Winters hens and geese. They also used it daily as short cut to Vicarage Road and Bushy Park.

We fully support this application.

Yours faithfully

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Dr P Ewing and Mrs D Ewing