

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/1388/FUL

Address: 37 St Margarets Grove Twickenham TW1 1JF

Proposal: Construction of single storey rear extension at ground floor level including removal of existing two-storey rear addition to facilitate works. Associated works including creation of new window opening to the rear outrigger at first floor level.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

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- **Overlooking/loss of privacy:** Our patio area will be overlooked given the height of the proposed extension, which will tower some way above the existing fence, and there will be significant loss of privacy during the construction works too over our kitchen velux windows.
- **Visual amenity:** The extension based on the submitted drawings is grossly oversized and will be visually unappealing for ourselves and immediate neighbours.
- **Noise and disturbance resulting from use:** the submitted drawings do not show any allowance for noise insulation from the proposed extension – if insulation is not provided, then noise seepage into our property from the proposed extension could be significant. Moreover, there will be a huge amount of noise during the construction of the extension which will impact our enjoyment of our property – particularly given we have a newborn baby here who will be disturbed constantly by construction noise – which could damage his health and ours in these early months given we spend most of our time at home (I work from home and my partner is currently on maternity leave).
- **Hazardous materials:** There will no doubt be a variety of hazardous materials used in the construction process, and implied temporary removal of the fence would expose ourselves – but more importantly our baby and small dog – directly to these.
- **Smells:** There will be significant construction dust and smell which will impact us given we will be at home but again more importantly our newborn baby's lungs. He had breathing issues at birth, so construction nearby and associated dust will directly impact him.
- **Loss of trees:** the plans as proposed do not cover the impact on the nearby trees on both sides, as a 3m extension would be right up to these trees. Foundations that would need to be dug to facilitate the extension would impact the roots of these trees and potentially also create a major risk of tree damage to our ourselves and our property, should this damage cause either or both trees to fall.
- **Design, appearance and materials:** the design is of an extension that is grossly out of place given the scale of extensions of nearby properties – both in height and size. In appearance the extension would be an eyesore that we would have to suffer every day should consent be granted.

Finally, one general point to note is that at no point has No 37 made any attempt to notify myself or my partner about her

plans for this extension – which I thought was a stipulation of the planning process prior to submitting an application.

Kind Regards,

Jonathan