

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/2943/HOT

Address: 21 Riverdale Gardens Twickenham TW1 2BX

Proposal: Single storey ancillary garden building.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

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Nature Conservation (loss of trees) - Riverdale Gardens currently has beautiful leafy rear gardens that provide privacy and contributes to the local character of our neighbourhood. 3 trees have already been cut down to accommodate this build, including one very mature and majestic tree, before the planning application has even been accepted. The loss of this mature and beautiful tree is a loss for all neighbours of Riverdale Gardens as it was part of our back gardens' landscape, creating privacy between Riverdale Gardens and Park House Gardens and added to the beauty of this neighbourhood. If the council accepts objections already made by residents of Park House Gardens, specifically to move the build 10 metres from Park House Gardens' boundary line, then two more mature and majestic trees would have to be felled to accommodate the bungalow, taking away the character of our leafy neighbourhood. The bungalow would then also seriously overlook the majority of my garden reducing our light, our privacy and visual amenity.

The loss of further mature trees would be tragic for our community, significantly depleting the visual beauty, privacy and local character of our leafy neighbourhood. In addition, the original application has the first majestic tree still existing in a courtyard of the bungalow, but this tree no longer exists which would presumably mean the building plans will have to be amended and a new application would have to be made.

'Protecting the Local Character of Neighbourhoods' - If elderly parents do not come to live in this bungalow, or if this family sell up and choose to move, then it is unlikely that this ancillary bungalow will be left empty. It is much more likely that it will be used as an Airbnb by new owners. There are too many Airbnbs on this street already, contributing to overcrowding, noise, light pollution, increased parking and a drain on the local amenities. There is currently another application on this street at #25 Riverdale Gardens 24/0367/DD03 (currently run as an HMO) for an ancillary single-story building with basement, presumably to be run as an HMO as well. This massive overdevelopment and construction density of Riverdale Gardens is drastically changing the character of this street. It is incumbent upon council planning officers to communicate with each other and take a step back and view what is happening on this street as a whole and consider the council's strategic policies and vision to 'Protect the Local Character' of our neighbourhoods.

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/15935/adopted_local_plan_interim.pdf

I do like my new neighbours quite a bit, they are wonderful people - but for all of these reasons, I sadly object to this build.