

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/2935/HOT

Address: 1 Westbrook Avenue Hampton TW12 2RE

Proposal: Construction of single storey rear extension and hip to gable loft conversion

Comments Made By

Name: Mr. M Smith

Address: 108 Holly Bush Lane Hampton TW12 2RB

Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: We have no objection to the single storey rear extension at ground floor level.

We do object to the proposed loft extension.

Such a loft extension would be totally out of keeping with all the nearby properties on the west side of Westbrook Avenue. None of those properties have such an extension protruding to the rear from the sloping roof at second floor level. I believe it is untrue to say that the proposed extension would be sympathetic with the existing neighbouring buildings; it would not, as suggested in the associated Design and Access Statement, result in a "seamless integration into the existing developed environment".

The loft conversion is, on the proposed south and west elevations, overlarge and quite out of proportion with the rest of the property. It would be overbearing when viewed from the back gardens of all the relevant nearby residencies.

Aside from the scale of the proposed loft conversion, it must be noted that it doesn't sufficiently respect the privacy of the occupants of nearby dwellings. This affects neighbours not only on Westbrook Avenue but, quite particularly, all those in Holly Bush Lane whose back gardens are roughly perpendicular to the 1 Westbrook Avenue site. These Holly Bush Lane gardens, including our own, would be directly overlooked by the proposed extra bedroom's window. The invasion of privacy is exacerbated by the height at which any upright window (as opposed to a roof light) would sit at second floor level.

For these reasons, the application - in respect of the loft conversion - should be refused.