

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/3127/HOT

Address: 34 Taylor Avenue Kew Richmond TW9 4ED

Proposal: The demolition of the side garage and erection of two storey side extensions, and a first floor rear extension, a single storey rear extension, a new raised roof with rear dormer and 3 number rooflights within the front roof slope, new solar panels, and a new front boundary wall and gate and new porch

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Make a general observation

Comment: The latest plans for expansion of 34 Taylor Avenue contain at least one element which does not make sense and include others which intrude on neighbouring properties.

1. The "Elevation rear proposed" appears to indicate gable end walls on both sides of the building turning a not unattractive pitched roof dwelling into a massive blockhouse festooned with solar panels.

2. Bedroom One, as shown in "First floor plan proposed," is intrusive:

a) it will protrude over the ground floor extension breaking the symmetry of such extensions which currently exists from 32 to 38 Taylor Avenue;

b) the protrusion will block light to the conservatory of Number 36 Taylor Avenue;

b) the amount of glass proposed for Bedrooms One and Three means that roughly 50 percent of the first-floor rear elevation will consist of windows directly overlooking the rear of 10 Chelwood Gardens thus invading our privacy. (As it is at night when lights are on in Number 34 all activities inside are fully apparent so presumably we are similarly exposed. This would not have been a problem had the mature trees not been cleared from the garden.)

And while the guidelines for comments suggest that matters should not be raised about design features other than those that impact the commentator, I wish to remark upon an apparent anomaly in the interior design. The front half of the "Ground floor plan proposed" represents a Granny flat with bedroom, sitting room, TV room and shower room but no toilet. A justification accompanying an earlier version of this application said that the flat would house someone who is wheelchair bound. The plans show no wheelchair access to the first-floor bathroom – only stairs. Furthermore, access to the shower for this Granny flat is via the main hallway of the house which implies an unseemly lack of privacy. Such a discrepancies between design and purported usage raise questions about the credibility of all information pertaining to this application.