

Dear Sirs,

As per your letter inviting a written deputation in respect to the meeting on the 10th December 2020, please see below my statement as below:

As a Durham Gardens resident, I am strongly opposed to the development of the aforementioned. Having lived here now for 3 years, during school hours and beyond, the street is inundated with traffic from drop offs and pick ups as well as the walking children and parents using the road entrance to cross. This becomes particularly busy at school times.

Due to this, the traffic on the street as well as cars going in and out of the street (from Stakes Hill Road onto Durham Gardens and back) is crowded and dangerous. It is one of the few roads with no yellow lines and on a number of occasions, I have encountered near misses when it comes to school children and parents nearly being hit by vehicles. The road is currently unpleasant to live on during these times, having myself being blocked into my own drive.

Adding additional housing directly on the corner which is currently extremely dangerous would simply add to the issue and it would be irresponsible and dangerous to allow this development to go ahead without putting double yellow lines on both Stakes Hill Road and Durham Gardens. It would be a violation of public safety.

Adding to this, the ingress and egress of the development would be directly onto the road which currently hosts a blind corner for traffic coming out and into Durham Gardens and therefore adding an additional way onto the road again would be highly dangerous. This development has been turned down numerous times before and for good reason the last time in respect to a rejection by the Highways Agency which in itself should give you a good perspective on how dangerous this would be.

On top of this please see below additional points and my key points which I believe should stand against the development:

1. The design and look of the building would not compliment or align with the current surroundings
2. As the building would be 2-storey, this would result in a loss of space and would be of detriment to the street view and visuals
3. The proposed development is of bulk and with a residential property directly opposite, would impede on the view
4. The proposed development would be an ugly addition
5. The proposed development does not have satisfactory proposed parking or access and egress and therefore would be dangerous to road users and pedestrians

Please note, I welcome positive change within the area, however I see no positives at all to this development proceeding on the plot suggested.

I hope my concerns will be considered within the decision made.

Regards,
Michelle Snowden