

I am Cllr Diana Patrick and I am one of the Councillors representing Stakes Ward. Thank you for letting me give this deputation this afternoon.

I am here today to speak for the residents of Durham Gardens.

This application has been put forward several times and initially refused permission by the officers, and then on redesign and reapplication has been Red Carded by myself.

This is a chalet bungalow that has already been extended in the past and had its rear garden sold off in order to build four houses, in its rear garden, Nos 36/38 being the closest. The bungalow is very much in keeping with the properties that run along the front of Durham Gardens parallel to Stakes Hill Road, and that continue in style along Stakes Hill Road. However, the current proposal is to extend the original house further and to add a 2 story extension to the side. This proposal would be totally out of keeping with the area.

The residents of Durham Gardens already have to endure the traffic that parks along its entire length every morning and afternoon, whilst parents drop off and pick up their children from the three schools along Stakes Hill Road. There is no further room for any more vehicles, and the parking on site will not be adequate for 7 apartments. I have experienced the chaos myself as my two granddaughters both go to St Peters School. There is a pedestrian crossing right by the entrance to Durham Gardens, which is almost opposite the entrance to the school and that comes shortly after the large roundabout at the junction with Frenstaple Road with fast approaching traffic which blocks the road and causes large tailbacks. This is a problem already and a severe safety issue for the children.

I therefore ask you to refuse planning permission based on the following:-

R26. The proposal would result in development at a 2- storey height across (virtually ) the whole width of the plot, resulting in a loss of space about the building to the detriment of the visual amenities and special characteristics of the street scene. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy CS16 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 who forms part of the Local Development Framework and Planning Policy Statement 1

R28. The proposed development would result in an excessive building bulk adjacent to an existing property, detrimental to the visual outlook and amenities of the occupier of this property. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy CS16 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 which forms part of the Local Development Framework and Planning Policy Statement 1

R30. The proposed development by reason of its bulk, height, and prominent position would be an incongruous feature within the street scene to the visual amenities of the area. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy CS16 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 which forms part of the Local Development Framework and Planning Policy Statement 1

R164 Any development on this site without adequate provision for rear loading and parking facilities would be likely to interfere with the free flow of traffic on Durham Gardens to the danger of road users. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies CS16, CS19, CS20, and DM13/DM14 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 which forms part of the Local Development Framework and Planning Policy Statement 1 and Planning Policy Guidance 13

In the interest of all the residents of Durham Gardens and surrounding area, and in the regard of o the congestion and safety issues already evident I ask you to refuse this application.

Thank you.