

Presentation to Planning Committee on Thursday 2nd November

By Cllr Leah Turner

Application APP/23/00518 2, Bembridge Drive, Hayling Island

I have been contacted by a neighbour of this property asking me to help them as they feel this application if allowed will seriously impinge on their enjoyment of their home. As the officer was minded to allow this, I Red Carded it to the planning committee for it to be determined by them. I attended the site view working party and am aware of the application and the neighbour's objections to the alterations.

Bembridge Drive is a seafront road at Eastoke Corner on Hayling Island. It comprises of different types of houses, some of which have been extended in recent years. No 2 is the first house, situated on a prominent corner visible from the Eastoke Bandband and tourism area. The house with the extensions would provide a mass/ overbearing site visible to both residents and tourists.

My resident's objections are mainly due to the overlooking of their property by the extensions proposed. Contrary to R26/R27/R28. Also R132 which relates to the overdevelopment of the site which is too small for the development proposed.

These are all contrary to policy CS16 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

Whilst being aware that "one cannot purchase a view" the added floor will block the view from the flats opposite. This seems very unfair to the existing residents, some of whom have complained when seeing the application submitted.

I ask that the committee refuses this application taking into account the points made as above. One resident's desire to drastically increase the size of their property should not be allowed to ruin the pleasure that other residents get from their homes.