

Dear Sirs,

I lived at Brookmans Avenue, AL9 7QQ, from the age of years ago when I moved to Dorset. I still return regularly to visit my parents, who still live at number 80.

I have been noticing the slowly changing character of Brookmans Park on every visit, a change that saddens me as it feels as though the village feel of the area is slowly being eroded.

As a result, I have read this new planning application with great sadness. Brookmans Park is a special place, and a block of flats in the middle of a road that is so integral to the feel of the village is bound to further erode the character of the village, and hugely impact the character of Brookmans Avenue itself.

The proposed block of flats will significantly overshadow the surrounding properties, dwarfing them in size, and changing the feel of the road from that of a single family dwelling, which is a huge shift in character that can not be undone. Indeed, it seems often to be the case that when even one multi family dwelling is approved, it opens the floodgates to more and more similar developments, forever changing the character of both the road itself, and of the broader area.

Brookmans Avenue is a quiet residential street, lined with beautiful single family homes. Please do not allow this proposal to go ahead, as if it does, I fear that the road I grew up on and love, will never be the same again.

Yours faithfully,
Sarah Pikarski