

Re planning application ref 6/2018/1996/FULL
Proposed development at 77 Brookmans Avenue.

I wish to object most strongly to the abovementioned proposal, for several reasons. This building would be unduly dominant and overbearing, eroding privacy and light to the houses either side and beyond. It is out of character with the rest of the road, which is single family dwellings. It would negatively impact on the family feel and atmosphere of the village, and would set an unwelcome precedent of building flats in this lovely road and is contrary to Policy D2. The cumulative effect of which would impact greatly on the pleasure of living in a village.

With potentially 32 people living on this one spot, there would be an enormous intensification of people. It would be a nightmare for neighbours with the noise pollution, congestion, constant traffic dangers and parking problems. The proposed 14 spaces, including 3 for visitors, is nowhere near enough for up to 32 people and will result in lines of cars parked in the road and the extra hassle of trying to just drive up and down the road, particularly at school times when the road is busier. (This would only get worse as the floodgates would be open to other properties being converted into flats). My husband and I will also suffer personally from light pollution from cars exiting the underground car park at night as the headlights would shine directly into our house. With this large number of residents needing tradesmen, deliveries, builders etc., it could make it a very busy spot indeed, and could be dangerous for the children walking to the local schools.

This large number of residents will put a strain on services, such as the water supply, which already provides poor pressure in the area.

With each household needing three bins, that means 24 bins for eight flats. Presumably these would have to stand outside the front of the property. Not only would this be incredibly unsightly and negatively affect the whole area, but it would be an invitation to vermin.

Given that these flats would be expensive, they would not be classified as affordable housing, nor help the housing shortage.

Allowing this application to proceed would destroy a lovely area for thousands of people as it would totally change the whole feel of the village.