

Comments for Planning Application DC/20/2254/HH

Application Summary

Application Number: DC/20/2254/HH

Address: 4 Reeds Buildings Bury St Edmunds IP33 1HU

Proposal: Householder application - a. front porch b. rear two-storey extension

Case Officer: Olivia Luckhurst

Customer Details

Name: Mr Matthew Hughes

Address: 5 Reeds Buildings, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1HU

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Plan queries
- Traffic or Highways

Comment: Loss of service to amenities.

The telephone service of all of Reeds Buildings is supplied from a telegraph post, approx. location <https://w3w.co/golf.crowned.airbase>

The pole then sends wires to each house on a shallow angle to the terrace, this path roughly sits above the existing flat roof of all of the dwellings. The wires sag as a catenary would to a nadir around 1.3m above the plane of the roof.

A covenant dated 11th July 1973 pertaining to the row of houses details that there should be free passage of supplies.

Any proposed 1st floor extension would impede these wires. Even if there were sufficient slack in the wires to allow the suggested roof to act as a prop, its apex would act as a knife edge which is likely to cause additional wear & tear on the wire and likewise the roof. This could disrupt & affect the telecommunications supply to the houses at the western end of the street. In addition, the resting of the wire on the roof could act in the same way as a guitar bridge & add additional noise close to sleeping quarters.

To avoid the above issues the telegraph wires/post would need to be relocated and this would result in loss of service. Relocation of the telephone pole may also need road closures and perhaps removal of trees to be achieve a new approach for the wires.

There are no details as to how the loss of this import amenity can be avoided as such consideration should be made to reject the proposed upper storey buildings work