

Dear Ms Evans

I write with regard to the planning application for Epsom Lodge, 1 Burgh Heath Road, Epsom.

I consider this planning application wholly inappropriate, contravening the Council's own report dated August 2010 "Character Appraisal and Management Proposals the Burgh Heath Road Conservation Area and very ill considered.

In short, this planning application should never have been put forward - indeed I do not recall seeing any advertised planning application for this development in Burgh Heath Road itself. I am not convinced that proper process has been followed in respect of this proposed planning application in terms of it being advertised in the near vicinity of the proposal.

As the owner of 4 Burgh Heath Road, Epsom I am consistently surprised on the downside by the constant erosion of the town by ill-considered planning proposals that continue to push on the boundaries of what some of us seek to preserve in Burgh Heath Road.

I myself have just had to go through an extensive planning issue for simply replace my roof slates consistent to maintaining the high standards of the conservation area - I look around and see others not so inclined to play by the same planning rules. To put it bluntly, my roof replacement is costing me c. £100k so as to maintain and preserve the integrity and ambience of the conservation area - and yet we have planning applications being submitted which undermine this very principle. It is quite outrageous!

The above planning application provides very serious grounds for objection as follows:

- a modern build of square design, large plate glass windows, garage entry and more. - none of this is consistent to the current genre of housing in the Burgh Heath Road conservation area;
- we do not want satellite dishes festooning property in the conservation zone - the visual impact is nothing short of conservation "vandalism";
- having a garage entry/ exit onto the small roundabout is also not welcome. Already very busy at peak times, large vehicle turning proving difficult and pedestrian traffic being placed at risk - I simply cannot understand how a garage entry/ exit at this site would be welcome.
- the sightline both up and down Burgh Heath Road would be impaired too; and
- large disproportionate building applications, not consistent with the surrounding buildings or area are not welcome be residents who are already doing their "bit" to conserve the unique nature of Burgh Heath Road.

How any of the above is consistent to the Council's own August 2010 paper is utterly incomprehensible.

The point of a Conservation zone is to "conserve" it - the clue is in the name. It is not to "develop" it and by doing so undermine it, alter it or vandalise it.

Can we have some sense restored?

Reject and block this planning application and ensure that Burgh Heath Road is conserved (and not regressed to a lower standard of societal significance) and allow local people to determine their own near environment in which they live and work (and where they spend their own money to maintain standards) and by so doing shape the vicinity in which they choose to live, work and raise their families.

Yours sincerely

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