## Comments for Planning Application 21/00269/VAR

## **Application Summary**

Application Number: 21/00269/VAR

Address: The Lodge 122 Banbury Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 7BP

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Develop in accordance with approved plans) and 8 (Landscape carry out after completion) of planning permission 18/03113/FUL (Erection of 2no. dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) within the grounds of 122 Banbury Road, including new access off Belbroughton Road, landscaped amenity space, car parking, bin and cycle storage.) to reflect changes to scheme design and remove reference to previously permitted landscaping scheme.

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Case Officer: Tobias Fett

## **Customer Details**

Name: Reverend Patrick Hobson

Address: 24 Cunliffe Close Oxford OX2 7BL

## **Comment Details**

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on privacy
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: OBJECTIONS TO THE REVISED PLANNING APPLICATION re 122 Banbury Road.

Rev Patrick Hobson, 24 Cunliffe Close, OX2 7BL.

Objector General and detailed dislike of the proposal.

The proposal is offensive to the title of Conservation Area. It is as if the authors set out purposely to write contrary to that precious title.

The lane on the Belbroughton Road side is already under construction although the proposal is not yet approved. One has to wonder whether objections are to any purpose but one maintains them all the same, since the proposals are so wrong.

The modern style of the proposed houses is inimical to the prevailing architectural genre of the neighbourhood, which is Edwardian or inter-war, and generally relatively large scale.

Such proposals had best be governed primarily by human considerations yet such concern seems least. Thus the new houses are proximal and overlooking of existing houses,, which lose much privacy in their gardens and the living rooms of their houses. This writer is not one of those

householders nearby but is aware of their deep unease and upset.

Perhaps the most important feature of the site overall is the superb stand of lovely trees, seen daily by scores of other people from their windows and gardens, quite apart from numerous people passing by. The proposals go on at great length about maintaining the trees and shrubs, as if they realise how crucial is this consideration. Given one's misgivings however about their proposals generally, it is much to be desired that they have in fact provided properly for these arboricultural considerations. The city has tree experts on its staff, so let us please see what they have to say. (Even a layman would want to be assured on consideration of climate change, especially in sophisticated Oxford.)

The underlying theme of these objections is the incongruity between the proposals and their whereabouts, and it is the conviction of this citizen that they fall on that account.