

Cllr John Allcock - Objection to BH2022/01791

Erection of part single storey and part two storey side extension and revision of a side elevation window. 22 Osmond Road Hove

I am objecting to the above planning application BH2022/01791 for the following reasons:

Overbearing due to its height and proximity to no 24 Osmond Road

The proposed extension would be dominating and over intrusive to the neighbouring property boundary at 24 Osmond Road. It would also have a negative impact on the street scene due to the loss of greenery and the significant reduction in the already small gap between 22 and 24 Osmond Road. Osmond Road has some very large and attractive detached and semi-detached houses with areas of front garden and greenery.

Loss of Trees with significant impact

The original Planning Application for the large block of flats at 22 Osmond Road BH2017/03047 was approved by the Council with condition 9 and 10 that referred to landscaping and retaining trees.

The Tree Protection Measures report by Broad Oak Tree Consultations at the time identified *'that the Holly trees have a height of 7 metres in 2014 and are in "Fair" Physiological condition with an established remaining contribution of 20 to 40 years. The 3 numbered Leland Cypress have a height of 6 metres (2014) in "Good" Physiological condition with an estimated remaining contribution of 40 plus years.'*

These valuable Holly Trees and the Leland Cyprus would be lost if this development was approved. This greenery is important as the development of the substantial block of flats - BH2017/03047- has little vegetation and these few trees provide some relief from a rather barren looking block of flats.

I would suggest that it's likely that the original application for BH2022/01791 wouldn't not have been agreed if this extension (BH2022/01791) had been included as part of the original development. Creeping over developments of this nature gradually destroy the street scene.

For these reasons, I would ask that you to reject this planning application. Should the recommendation be to grant, I would request that this application to be referred to the Planning Committee for decision.

Cllr John Allcock

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