

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

Dear officer,

**BH2022/01791 | Erection of part single storey and part two storey side extension and revision of a side elevation window. 22 Osmond Road Hove**

On behalf of local residents, I am objecting to the above planning application.

I visited the site before Christmas and spoke with several of the neighbours, all of whom did not wish this application to be granted on the grounds that it was too close to the boundary with no 24 Osmond Road, that there would be a significant loss of trees and that the building would become very overbearing due to its height and proximity to no 24.

I was surprised that such an extension was even being contemplated as the space is very narrow between no2 22 and 24 and the new extension would easily be within touching distance of the boundary wall between nos 22 and 24. All the trees that form part of this boundary would be lost as the build would not be able to go ahead with them there. I would like to point out that:

*The original Planning Application and subsequent approval BH2017/03047 (large block of flats) provide the conditions imposed by B&H Planners. Condition 9 and 10 refer to landscape and retained trees.*

*BH 2016/00574 deals with landscaping in detail and you will find the Tree Protection Measures- Report by Broad Oak Tree Consultations.*

*Within this report they identify 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.*

It is the Holly Trees and the Leland Cyprus that would be lost and they are mature trees with plenty of life left in them. This greenery is important as the development of the substantial block of flats -BH2017/03047- has little greenery around it and these few trees provide some relief from a rather barren looking block of flats.

The proposed extension would have a very dominating impact on no 24 Osmond Road as it is so close to the boundary, and it would also have a negative impact on the street scene due to the loss of greenery and the loss of the small gap between nos 22 and no 24 Osmond Road. Effectively there would be no gap if this the

extension went ahead. Osmond Road has some very large and attractive detached and semi-detached houses with areas of front garden and greenery thus it's a desirable street scene.

I was also concerned as to how the builders would access the area that the application relates to as there is shared access to nos 20 and 22 which is at a lower level to the street. This would be a very challenging build due to the cramped conditions.

I wish to speak at the planning committee when this application comes forward.

Kind regards

Jackie O'Quinn

Goldsmid Ward Councillor