

Cllr. Dawn Barnett & Cllr. Nick Lewry
BH2021/01272 - 78 Hangleton Valley Drive

7th May 2021:

We are writing on behalf of our community to state our objection to the above development application in our ward of Hangleton & Knoll on behalf of our constituents.

Several of the residents in the surrounding houses are very concerned at the size of the proposed building work, which would involve turning a 2 bedroom bungalow into a 4 bedroom house with a converted garage that could potentially be used as a 5th bedroom.

The side extension would be approximately 4/5 inches from the border with the neighbouring house.

This area is bungalow-land with the front gardens very tidy and houses at a low elevation. When this neighbourhood was built in the 1960s it was built as low level and open planned.

Our objection is on the following grounds:

1. **Appearance and size of the buildings is not appropriate** – The proposed building is far too large and the design is out of step with the surrounding neighbourhood. When the bungalows were originally designed, the layout, spacing and scale of the buildings was carefully planned to ensure that they would be in keeping with the landscape and offer views of the Downs to each bungalow. This large new building would be out of step with the surrounding area.
2. **Adjoining residents will suffer overshadowing, overlooking or loss of privacy** – The size of the building will impinge on the neighbours.
3. **Community Opposition** – Many neighbours are against this development and their voices should be heard.

We are asking that Council Officer visit this site in person (now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing) to see for themselves the unsuitable nature of the site and how out of character with the area this development would be.

We would like to meet with you at the site as soon as possible so we can personally show you how much it doesn't blend in with the area.

We ask that you rule against this proposal.

If this is not possible and you are minded to approve this development, we are calling this application in to planning committee where we would give a presentation to express opposition to the plans.

