

Reference 20240390

Case Officer Mrs Lisa Fisher

30th May 2024

Dear Mrs Fisher

With reference to the planning application referenced above for.

The erection of an attached dwelling house. Erection of single storey rear extension with two roof lights to existing dwelling house. Erection of double garage to rear of site. 173 Singlewell Road Gravesend Kent DA11 7QA.

I would like to list my objections again on the grounds of emergency access, accident black spot, traffic congestion and health and safety.

1. Firstly as I am disabled and house bound my daughter who is an [REDACTED] often stays with me when I am regularly unwell/ or daily checks on me as well as my son. They are often unable to get up my drive or park outside as the current renters who have several cars park outside and or across my drive thus denying access to my property. They park all night and all weekend I dread to think if an ambulance was needed where they could go on such a busy road. My daughter as an emergency responder has struggled to get out of my drive to get to emergencies due to both sides of my drive having parked cars from 173.
2. This corner of Dennis road is an accident hotspot with over 7 car accidents over the years including 2 fatalities. The corner has cars parked right up to the junction including other cars from 173. I feel with just one dwelling there are too many cars attached to 173 (3-4 cars are there already) Although the house has a drive and garage sufficient for the amount of cars they do not use it ever.
3. Singlewell Road is a major road from the A2 and is fed by Dennis Road and does not stop until late at night but recommences from 6am. There are large queues daily due to the amount of traffic at present and it is also a main crossing point for several schools of very young children to adolescent children who run the gauntlet to cross the road now. With the increased volume this is only going to make matters worse at this junction. I fear a child will be injured if not killed at this junction. The speed is also an issue as no one really drives down the road at 30mph.
4. Currently 173 Singlewell Road is rented out and as such the garden and bushes have not been maintained to the extent that visibility is severely impaired at the junction. No one can see clearly trying to get out of Dennis Road due to severe overgrowth of the bushes and hedging, thus impinging the view getting out of the road. Also the fencing has fallen on pedestrians walking past the side of 173 due to the weight of the overgrowth. This is also the case in my garden and I have sustained leg injuries whilst trying to get some weeding done where the whole fence has fallen on me as well as my daughter trying to mow my lawn for me.

As children and families use this corner to cross the road cars cannot see clearly when exiting Dennis road which they do on occasions at speed.

This whole cross road junction between Ascot Road, Dennis Road and Singlewell Road as already stated is a dangerous junction, with many near misses everyday of the week as I sit with clear view of it daily and witness the terrified pedestrian and driver experiences.

I understand the pressure for housing but there is a covenant in place on the deeds for only one property to be built on that plot.

I believe the owners have already been refused planning not only with yourselves but with the London planning office on appeal but it has also come to my attention that they were planning substantial workshops and garaging which we were not notified about which also has been refused.

In closing I do not wish my daughter to have to deal with another serious injury or death of a person or child due to the increased volume an extra house would produce. It is known that garages are never used for cars but extra storage and Dennis Road is already a huge car park due to this.

I know this may not have much weight but I am currently a semi- detached house and do not wish to be devalued by becoming a end of terrace. At [REDACTED] I wish peace and quiet and as the plans show my bedroom will be impacted by the building and noise as they are both at the back.

I have photos of proof off the parking already causing problems trying to get in my drive, bushes and hedges overgrown obscuring drivers coming out of Dennis Road I also have pictures of [REDACTED] back garden with the fencing [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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