

# THE HASLEMERE SOCIETY



Planning Department ,  
Waverley Borough Council,  
The Burys,  
Godalming.

By E mail

30 January 2016

Dear Sirs,

Planning Application 2015/2394  
Appletrees, 8A Courts Hill Road, Haslemere.

We are mindful that this application is within the Haslemere Conservation Area but generally it is screened from the public road which will help to reduce the impact on the visual amenity of the area. Consideration therefore needs to be given to its impact on neighbouring properties as well as its appropriateness for this Conservation Area generally.

The Haslemere Society has concerns about the scale of the proposed development as the floor area will be nearly double that of the existing house.

The existing garage is to become a workshop with a car port attached and the proposed additional very large garage and car port will accommodate six average sized cars. There are also parking bays for three cars in front of the new garage.(ie capacity for a total of ten cars off the main house drive). This is excessive and out of keeping with a residential property in the Conservation Area. Furthermore this could indicate an intended activity not suitable for this residential and Conservation Area as well as an unacceptable increase in local traffic.

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To Waverley Borough Council (cont'd)

The large size of the proposed garage and car port structure located on the highest part of the site and the steep pitch of its roof creates a building approximately 8m high and significantly higher than the ground floor of no. 8 Courts Hill Road, which is only approximately 10m away .

The submitted Design and Access Statement refers to the 20m proximity of the house to adjacent houses in Courts Mount Road but fails to address the garage proximity and its effect on the adjacent property in Courts Hill Road.

To Summarise :

The Haslemere Society is concerned that the scale of the proposals does not enhance the character of the Conservation Area. In particular the large and high garage does not minimise the impact on the visual amenity of the area, particularly for its immediate neighbours – objectives generally outlined in the Haslemere Design Statement. We consider that some house size reduction and repositioning and lowering of the garage would be appropriate.

Also we consider that the proposals to provide accommodation for such a large number of vehicles on this site is totally inappropriate for this Conservation Area and needs to be reduced.

Consequently The Haslemere Society wishes to register its objection to these development proposals.

Yours faithfully,

John Greer ( Vice Chairman, The Haslemere Society).

