



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
BY EMAIL

26 July 2022

Dear Sir

Chapman House (WA/2022/01752) - Objection

The Haslemere Society objected to a previous application for this development (WA/2021/02448) on two grounds; inadequate parking provision and loss of neighbour amenity. The current application does not mitigate our concerns on these two points, and we therefore wish to object to it. More specifically:

1. **Inadequate parking** – the application falls only one short of the required level of parking for the proposed development and, as the applicant notes, the site is close to the town centre. However, as various neighbour objections make clear, parking on nearby streets is already so congested as to sometimes obstruct movement and visibility. Furthermore, there is no provision at all for visitors, or for delivery or service vehicles. Finally, the plans appear to show that two of the 26 parking spaces are designated as disabled spaces. It is not clear how these contribute to the total for the flats.
2. **Neighbour amenity** – the new proposal differs from the previously rejected one in covering only half the roof space and being set back from the edge of the building by 1.7m. These factors do reduce the issues of overlooking and noise. However, the 1.7m setback from the edge of the building is all to be accessible terrace, making noise outside the properties more likely as the homeowners will inevitably make use of this space. As the properties are on the top floor, the noise will carry significantly further than would otherwise be the case. The design therefore makes noise nuisance for surrounding properties, even from 'reasonable' use by the homeowners, much more likely. This aspect of neighbour amenity is not addressed at all in the Design & Access Statement.

Based on these concerns, we urge the council to refuse this application.

Yours Sincerely

██████████ (by email)
(on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group)