

# THE HASLEMERE SOCIETY



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Planning Dept.,  
Waverley Borough Council,  
Godalming. GU7 1HR                      BY EMAIL

Dear Sirs,

Coombe Lea, 18 Critchmere Lane, Haslemere.  
2016/0941

This third application for residential development on this site proposes a scheme which is less dominating, overbearing and less overshadowing than previous schemes. The Haslemere Society considers that this scheme needs further modification and clarification to make it suitable for this location, viz:-

1) A mixture of 45 and 35 degree roof pitches creates a very high ridge and thus results in a dominating structure especially for the semidetached block. The choice of these pitches results in the same ridge height as the previous application and is probably made to provide the opportunity to subsequently incorporate extra accommodation at second floor level .

Reducing all roof pitches to the normal 30 degrees will result in a more acceptable less high and dominating structure to both the main and single storey side elements.

2) A cheaper (probably manufactured) slate roof is proposed to replace the attractive clay tiled roof to the existing building. The Haslemere vernacular is clay tiled roofing and this should be provided as it is on the existing house.

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3) The material descriptions given are :- 'Traditional doors', 'Traditional casement windows', 'Traditional red brick'. These are unsatisfactory descriptions and a commitment to more detailed specifications should be given.

It is difficult to achieve modern insulation values from cheaper timber doors and window frames and powder coated aluminium (or possibly upvc) needs to be considered/specified.

Bricks are an important cost element but are very significant to the aesthetics of the development. As well as appearance the brick choice should be one with low water absorption and hence frost resistance and low rain penetration characteristics for longevity and serviceability.

4) The front paving of the development is described as having a permeable surface. Given the parking requirements and the steep gradients of the driveways the long term serviceability and suitability of this product for the driveways needs careful consideration.

5) The three houses have relatively generous rear gardens and consideration needs to be given to setting the houses a little further away from the road to provide more parking space for second and visitors' cars thus avoiding parking on the narrow road. This would also reduce the impact of the buildings on the road and neighbours opposite.

Yours faithfully, John Greer (Vice Chairman, The Haslemere Society)