



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
BY EMAIL



7 December 2022

Dear Sir

The Georgian (WA/2022/02888) - Objection

The Haslemere Society wishes to object to the above application on the following grounds:

1. The design of the building is highly modernistic, completely out of place given the adjacent listed period buildings, and entirely inappropriate in the town centre conservation area. It will be highly visible from the adjacent public footpath and Chestnut Avenue car park. The proposed building materials including, for example, the slate roofing tiles, owe nothing to the vernacular and make the construction even more unacceptable. This is a clear contravention of policy HA1.
2. The computer-generated image on page 17 of the Planning Statement differs from the submitted plans in several important respects, e.g. the image shows a garden space the full length between the building and the paved entrance pathway but the plans show a garden frontage only in the first part of the paved pathway. The image, together with the exaggerated and misleading text, imply that the massing and positioning of the building in the space is acceptable because it is better than that in the previous, refused, application. In our view, it is still unacceptable. This is particularly evident from the well-used, narrow, paved public footpath running alongside the boundary wall of the development from which the featureless and overbearing expanse of the east elevation will dominate the view.
3. The south elevation of the proposed building has windows overlooking the amenity space of Tudor Cottage, much closer than the 17 metres shown on the diagram on page 19 of the Planning Statement. Even 17 metres is closer than the 18 metres required under Waverley planning guidelines. The narrative in the planning statement is at variance with the facts of the application both in this regard and elsewhere.
4. Finally, the number and type of inconsistencies and inaccuracies in the application make it very difficult to assess, particularly for members of the public. This is simply unacceptable. The application should be withdrawn and resubmitted with these elements corrected.

Yours Sincerely

S. Dullaway (by email)
(on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group)