



Planning Department  
Waverley Borough Council

12 November 2015

Dear Sirs

Re: WA/2015/1957

With regard to this application, it is useful to recall the Planning Inspector's description of this area of Haslemere in his rejection of the appeal WA/2012/1824:

**“The residential area surrounding the appeal site has a mature, spacious character, with predominantly large detached dwellings in large plots”.**

The Inspector went on to note that in the immediate vicinity there were several notable buildings, described variously as **“an imposing house”**, or **“of individual character in a substantial plot”**, a **“substantial building”** and generally **“ the spacing between buildings is quite generous”**. These include listed buildings and houses of historic significance (two such houses have Haslemere Society Blue Plaques).

This is the Planning Inspector's planning context for considering a development on this site. In the light of these remarks the Haslemere Society objects to this application and considers it should be refused on the following grounds:

1. Neither the size of the plot nor the proposed building could be remotely considered as large, imposing, substantial, spacious or generous and would be completely out of scale and out of character with the surrounding area described above.
2. The development would have a particularly adverse impact on its immediate neighbours. The recently built 31 Hill Road was considered an acceptable development in so far as it was a large house in a large plot. Take away its garden as proposed and that is no longer the case. It would not be in keeping and the two properties together are a clear over development.

Yours faithfully

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