



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Area Planning Committee (Southern)
BY EMAIL

25 June 2020

Dear Sir

Heath Edge, 51 High Street (WA/2020/0792) - objection

The Haslemere Society wishes to object to the above application on the grounds set out below.

The scale of the proposed building is inappropriate to the site both in terms of the footprint of the building compared to the overall size of the site and in comparison to Heath Edge Cottage, a listed building. The proposed building will also negatively impact this part of the High Street, which is within the Conservation Area.

As it stands, the site is very open, providing a large garden for Heath Edge Cottage and maintaining a sense of openness and space on the High Street itself. This is a key part of the character of the Conservation Area. The proposed dwelling would significantly reduce the available garden space for the two dwellings and would encroach on the openness of the High Street. This is particularly true because the new dwelling is proposed to be three storeys tall. This overlarge building would also have an impact on Heath Edge Cottage - the applicant's own Design & Access and Heritage Statement concludes that "Making an equally tall building will overbear Heath Edge Cottage" and the applicant's own Street Scene Plan drawing shows the proposed building clearly overbearing its listed neighbour.

The application proposes three parking spaces for this dwelling. Surrey County Council Highways Dept has questioned whether there will be space for a vehicle to turn so that it can exit the site going forwards, rather than having to reverse out. The requested response from the applicant does not appear to be on the website at this point. If there is any question of vehicles having to exit the site in reverse we would also object on the grounds of road safety. Given existing parking restrictions in Haslemere, it is clearly essential for there to be sufficient on-site parking but that should not be allowed to compromise safety for other road users. This may also point to a smaller dwelling, with a smaller footprint than that applied for being appropriate.

Yours Sincerely

Sonja Dullaway

on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group