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The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
BY EMAIL

9 August 2022

Dear Sir

The Heights (WA/2022/01926) - Objection

The Haslemere Society wishes to raise the following concerns about the proposed amendments to the existing permission:

1. **Provision of affordable housing.** The supporting statement notes (paragraph 3.21) that an updated viability assessment has been provided taking into account increased costs but this is not available on the portal. It is not clear from the statement whether the number of affordable dwellings is proposed to change from the four in the existing permission. The Society would object to any amendment that would reduce the number of affordable dwellings provided.
2. **Overlooking.** The extension into the roof space will require the introduction of a number of velux and dormer windows. The dormer windows for bedroom 4 in plots 611 will overlook the properties in plots 1-5 and the applicant proposes to deal with this by obscure-glazing the bottom 0.6m of these windows. The applicant describes these bedrooms as 'likely to be occasional use rooms' but gives no evidence for this assertion, and we see no reason to expect these rooms not to be used as normal bedrooms. Future owners may well wish to change these to clear windows and it would then fall on the overlooked neighbour to attempt to get this changed again, always assuming there is some mechanism by which this could be achieved. We therefore do not consider this to be a viable solution.
3. **Provision of showers.** The floor plan for plots 23 and 25 appears to show the bathrooms with a bath sited directly under a window, which would make it difficult to install a shower. There is insufficient room to provide a separate shower. If that is correct, the application should be amended to provide showers in all the properties.

Yours Sincerely

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(on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group)