



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
BY EMAIL

20 April 2022

Dear Sir

Little Home Close, Grayswood (WA/2022/01101) - Objection

The Haslemere Society would not normally comment on an application relating to a single private dwelling. However, in this case we consider that the listed building status of the property and the extensive nature of the changes proposed are sufficient to make this application a matter of wider public interest. The Society wishes to object to the application for the reasons given below:

1. The scheme has strived to be sympathetic in the appearance of the proposed additions. However, the extension as proposed would not be subservient and subordinate to the listed building as it would be the same size in height and, due to the similarity of its appearance with the existing building, would blur legibility between the historic and modern parts of the building. The 1966 planning permission shown in the Planning Statement provides some useful background. Today, best practice with listed buildings tends to make modern additions discernible from the historic building. The 1966-68 additions are arguably too close in appearance to the original building to mesh with today's best practice and so we would suggest that the same scale and design as the 1960s additions are not appropriate to replicate elsewhere on the building for another sizeable addition.
2. There is also the question of whether the building can accommodate another sizeable extension or whether the 'tail begins to wag the dog'. In such a scenario a further large extension could mean cumulatively the extensions could equal or exceed the footprint of the original building and the footprint of the extensions would therefore not be subservient and subordinate to the listed building. We believe the proposed extension would provide a case in point.
3. We would suggest that a single storey extension, perhaps with loft/roof accommodation, set under a traditional roof form would be more appropriate. The proposed roof ridge should be lower than the existing building, ideally below the eaves of the existing building.

4. We would also suggest that a Heritage Statement be submitted to confirm the age and significance of the relevant parts proposed to be altered.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Dullaway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S" and a period at the end.

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