



C/O Grays Cottage,
Grays Close,
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16 August 2019.

Planning Department,
Waverley Borough Council,
The Burys,
Godalming. BY EMAIL

Dear Sirs,

Planning Application 2019/1101

28 Petworth Road, Haslemere.

Having perused the documents forming this application The Haslemere Society wishes to object strongly to this application for the following reasons:-

- 1) The APPLICATION FORM makes only the briefest and inadequate reference to external materials of construction. It refers to boundary treatment 'as existing' which is incorrect. Paving details are referred to as 'permeable' but no details are given and it stated that no further materials information is being submitted. Foul drainage is indicated as being directed to the public sewer whereas the answer to the question of whether it is proposed to connect to a public sewer is 'unknown'. We would point out that the site is probably lower than the Petworth Road public sewer.
- 2) The architect from Hailsham appears not to have appreciated the sensitive location of this site within the Conservation Area, having submitted a design which would be suitable for a modern housing estate but clearly not for this location. It pays little, if any, attention to the requirements of the Haslemere Design Statement, the chosen external materials are not complimentary to the neighbourhood period and listed buildings and heritage assets. Wall cladding, of an unspecified type and slate (probably manufactured) are not compatible.
- 3) The mass and scale of the two storey double house scheme is far too great and dominating for this conservation area. The relatively high ground level increases this dominance.



4) Collards Lane is a characterful aspect of Old Haslemere – hence its incorporation within the Conservation Area. The existing stone boundary wall is part of this character which the applicant proposes to demolish and which we consider should not be allowed. A demolition application, required in a conservation area, has not been made.

5) It is incorrectly stated in the Design and Access Statement that the variety of construction materials responds to other buildings in the Conservation Area. We strongly disagree. It is also stated that ‘care was seen to be needed in respect of heritage assets including the listed building at Collards and Petworth Road’. Evidence of this ‘care’ is difficult to find in the application. The Statement also suggests that the proposed building is well away from the grade 11 listed Collards building and is not considered to impact either it or its setting. Again The Society disagrees.

Yours faithfully, John Greer (Vice Chairman, The Haslemere Society)