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FTAO MrA Clarke,

Re:DM/25/0289 Planning Application - 5 Silverdale Road

I would like to object to the above planning application.

If I had not been unwell at the time of the original planning application, I would have checked the application more closely. Instead, I read 'Single Storey Garage'. As my garage is at the back of my garden, presumed that the building would be in keeping with a 'Conservation Area of Silverdale Road'.

Imagine my shock when I had time to read the full planning application after my neighbour told me a 9 car garage was being built.

My front door is only 7 feet from where these cars will be travelling up and down No 5's driveway. (the previous occupations of No 5 hardly used this drive way, as they parked their cars on the front driveway) Mr Smith already charges his electric car within 2.134 metres of my front door, so another 8 to 9 cars would be very unacceptable to my enjoyment of living here.

I would also be the most affected by this amount of cars travelling up and down this driveway, especially as his driveway is 0.762 metre higher than my driveway, meaning that the exhaust fumes would be aimed directly at my level.

As the previous application mentioned 'classic cars' one must presume that they will be petrol or diesel. I am very asthmatic, and was diagnosed with bronchiectasis last year, so this would be very detrimental to my health.

I am also not aware that any fire prevention or control in relation to 6 or 9 vehicles with their fuel storage within this building has been undertaken. As this is a large wooden structure behind my garage this raises a significant fire risk and potential damage to my garage and my neighbours garages.

I would ask you to look at the objections you have had from No 9 and no 7 and take all of these into consideration when making your decision concerning this planning application. As, I agree with all their objections.

Conclusion:

I bought my property over 5 years ago and one of the reasons for my purchase was where the property was situated. Never did I think that a building for cars on such a large scale would be built directly behind me. Since No 5 changed ownership, this peaceful spot in Silverdale Road has been truly ruined.

Before, I looked out onto trees and a single storey dwelling. I now look out from my dining room, bathroom, bedroom and garden, at a building that can only be described as huge and overpowering. It is most certainly not in keeping with the other garages in this Conservation Area.

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Needless to say, I find the loss of trees, intrusion into the countryside, and significant noise and disturbance to my life and health the most important objections to these plans.

As stated in the previous planning application " The proposed garage building would allow Mr Smith's Classic Cars to be parked under cover. This would reduce the impact of the cars currently parked in the open in 'Silverdale Road/Birchwood Grove Road Conservation setting and improve the appearance of the property.

So No 5 takes precedence over his neighbours living in this road. I personally have not seen any cars parked on No 5's driveway that could be described as having these factors "age, historical significance, design or desirability". I of course could be wrong as I do not sell cars for a living.

I would also like to point out that since the original buildings were demolished and the building materials piled high near the rear of my garage, I have been inundated with rats. The Senior Environment Health Officer, Oliver Benson, can verify this fact, as it has gone on for such a long time, that the enjoyment of my garden has been ruined, and this is on top of a large building completely out of character for this area.

I have photos of what my outlook used to look like if you wish to see them.

I hope the planning committee take the above into consideration when they make their decision, as it's obvious that the increase in noise, disturbance and pollution will affect me greatly, as I live so near to No 5's driveway.

Regards

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