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Consultations and Notification Responses

Ward Councillor Preliminary Comments

Councillor Tony R Green- In light of the considerable concern this application has caused locally, I would ask that it is determined by the planning committee.

Parish/Town Council Comments/Internal and External Consultees

 High Wycombe Town Unparished

Consultations Reported

Conservation Officer
Comment: Planning consent was granted (ref: 15/07401/FUL) for the refurbishment and extension of Uplyme House to provide 14 units as accommodation associated with the Grammar School. This application is for the same accommodation and on the same footprint, but seeks to vary that consent by reducing the amount of excavation involved during construction. The extension would increase in height by approximately 1.5m. The main concern in conservation terms is that the rear elevation becomes a much more prominent design as the 2 small side flanking gables are increased in height to the same proportions as the central gable. While this is a backward step from the original proposals, in my view, it is not sufficient to warrant a refusal on conservation or design grounds.

Representations

6 representations have been received objecting to the proposal including from Amersham Hill Residents' Association. Comments received can be summarised as follows:

- This is a noticeably bulkier building. Would make it far more obtrusive.
- Inconsistent with aims of the conservation area through being too large
- Overbearing appearance to no. 37 and Fairlawns
- Loss of sunlight, particularly to no.37 and Fairlawns (including gardens)
- Would result in overlooking to no. 37 and Fairlawns, particularly as window heights have been raised
- Quiet enjoyment of garden at no. 37 will be further eroded
- Will cause further disruption to the properties around
- Disappointed that a large tree which partly overhangs the Driveway into Fairlawns will be removed.
- Scheme would increase the level of noise emanating from a more densely populated property