

Thamesbank River Road Taplow Ref. No: PL/19/3852/FA

The Hitcham and Taplow Society raises objections and comments on the application.

The Society has been in existence for some sixty years. It has a main objective to ensure that all development within the district is of the highest standard and preserves the quality of the environment. It represents a significant proportion of the residents of Taplow.

You will be aware that many objections have already been raised to this application. Although other matters have been raised the bulk of comment relates to items that transgress the guidelines and prescriptions of the Taplow Riverside Conservation Area (TRCA), in which the property sits, and the associated Townscape Character Study document. As the local Civic Society, these are of particular concern to ourselves.

The proposed second exit would involve destruction of hedgerow specifically note in the TRCA. We also consider that it would add to dangers and congestion due to its proximity to the Maidenhead Rowing Club entrance and limited splays.

The large scale extensions to the rear of the property involving new windows and a balcony create privacy issues for neighbours.

Conservation Area objections, in addition to the hedgerow loss referred to above, include:

The chimney stacks proposed for demolition are an integral part of this late Victorian house, are typical of the period, are specifically documented in the TRCA and can be seen from many public viewpoints. They should be preserved.

The proposed extensions to the upper floors create major changes to the roofline and roof profiles. These would mar the strong Victorian lines of the house and sit in glaring contrast to its neighbouring two sister houses. These three houses are seen as a major feature of the TRCA as documented. Together with the Hermitage site they are the backbone of this charming late Victorian / Edwardian area and great care should be taken with any changes.

The application as it stands should be refused

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