

Application No. 18/00432/FUL
9 Hill Way, Oadby, Leicestershire, LE2 5YG

Objector's Representations - Mrs C Hurst

Thank for taking the time to listen to my objections.

The application is a request to add a ground floor front and rear extension along with a 2 storey side extension and loft extension to an existing 3 bedroomed semi-detached house in a residential cul-de-sac where there are a mixture of about 40 semi-detached and semi-detached houses which were built in the mid to late 1950's. The houses are built around an island of trees and shrubs which are well maintained. This adds to the individual ambience to the cul-de-sac.

In this quiet residential area of family properties, there has been little change to the street scene over the past 60 plus years. Fundamentally, there have very few extensions and changes made to the properties over the years, any have been of a relatively small nature and have been in proportion to the original footprint of the property (i.e. a detached or semi-detached).

My first reason for objection is simply around the extent and size of the proposed build to the property which will significantly change the frontage of the property which is attached to 10 Hill Way. It will alter the visual character of the property leading to an out of proportion frontage for a semi-detached house.

My second objection relates to the significant impact on the property 10 Hill Way. As mentioned in my first point, the proposed change will significantly change the frontage of the property and importantly it will reduce the natural light currently enjoyed in to the lounge at the front of 10 Hill Way. It will also reduce the clear outlook and privacy from the front of the house.

The rear extension causes much concern. The proposal is disproportionate to a 3 bedroom semi-detached house, with a reasonably small back garden. The proposed single storey extension will significantly reduce the natural light into the dining room and kitchen at number 10 Hill Way, and comprise privacy. The extension will be clearly visible from the rear of the property, the plan to have a 14 foot wall in a 60 foot garden is an overbearing structure and it will reduce the amount of sunlight in the garden and cause shadowing.

It would appear the proposal is boundary to boundary in the back garden to allow the rear extension, access will be required to the back garden number 10 Hill Way. I will make this clear at outset, permission to have access to this private property will not be given. At this present time, there has been no mention of the party act or agreement, which I understand may be relevant.

My third objection relates to the general effect on number 8 Hill Way and the effect on the properties on Park Crescent, which back onto 9 Hill Way. The plans indicate a 2 storey extension again boundary to boundary against number 8, this will reduce light, access and privacy. This is an over build out of all proportion to the footprint of the property

My fourth objection relates to road and pavement safety in Hill Way. The increase in footprint and living space has the strong potential to lead to increased traffic flow and kerb parking, leaving a reduction in visibility.

As I mentioned at the start, the houses are built around an island there is an increase in the curve on the road between number 8 and number 9 Hill Way, any on street/pavement parking has the potential to cause visibility issues and cause a safety hazard. Pavement parking causes pedestrian difficulty and reduced pavement space.