

	Online Comments
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	<p>I wish to object to the above planning application for all of the reasons stated by Keevil Parish Council following its site meeting on 27th January 2018 and described in its consultation response as 'suggested special conditions'.</p> <p>The Parish Council stated:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing boundary walls and hedges are important features throughout the length of Main Street and should be retained. • Development should respect the historic pattern of the village. • Development should preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area. • Open Spaces or gaps, which make a significant contribution to the character or appearance of the street scene should be protected, particularly where they provide views to the open countryside. • Development should not be intrusive in the street scene. • Construction materials used should be in keeping with their surroundings. • Design principles expressed in the Village Design Statement should be observed as far as possible. <p>The current application meets none of these criteria.</p>

	<p>Quite how the Parish Council could reach the conclusion to support this application having highlighted such a list of concerns is a mystery to me. Perhaps as the Council meeting was arranged with little notice, and only attended by four councillors, might have some bearing on the three to one vote in support of the application.</p> <p>In addition the Council states that, 'This application should not set a precedent for further infilling along Main Street'. The grounds on which infilling is accepted on this occasion is an issue that the Council perhaps should have explained in its official response.</p> <p>Having served on the Village Design Statement committees with the late Harold Ferris (an architect of considerable repute and a very long term village resident) and many others, I am somewhat disappointed that our current Parish Council appear to give scant regard to the well thought through and highly regarded work which was designed to protect all that is special about the built and natural environment of the centre of our village, a protected environment that provides benefit to the entire village and which is supposed to enjoy the protection of a designated Conservation Area.</p>
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