

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION No: 17/12491/FUL

I live at NO:15 across the road from this development and looking at the plans showing front and backs of these houses anyone would justifiably think that they'd got them mixed up.

Houses with extensions jutting out of the middle on the frontage as we see here, would look anomalous in any location .....this and the consequent complicated roof structure as viewed from the street surely can't be contemplated in a conservation area.

But more importantly, old cottages, though very pretty to look at have their problems. They generally have small windows, poor light, low ceilings and are difficult and expensive to heat. In Little Talboys for example .....it has to be said,....the only place really adapted for comfortable daytime living is the extension at the back of the SE end .... this late addition (Victorian?) is the only part that has been allowed to be modernised at least to the extent of having adequate natural light and being reasonably economical to heat.

It is not anybody's fault, ...least of all of the present owners,,,,, that it's original siting dictated that these windows and those of an adjoining main room of the historic part of the house faced sideways onto the neighbouring site contrary to present planning guidelines regarding privacy.

But that being so, surely there is no justification for putting a house next door as close to the boundary as possible leaving them stuck staring at a blank (or what should be a blank) 25 foot high brick wall. Particularly so if the houses are set back from the road as proposed thereby positioning them so as to have the maximum impact in that respect.

This house was recently rescued from dilapidation and partial collapse at great expense with the full cooperation of the Listing Authorities who were closely involved in every structural and cosmetic detail throughout a restoration project lasting more than 18 months. Their obvious concerns are indicative of the historic importance attached to this building. A building now worthy of Grade 1 or Grade 2\* listing as one of the few examples in the county of a house of this age and this style still standing in good repair.

It would be ironic and unfair to all those who took such care over it's restoration to spoil it's setting with any unsympathetic building on the site next door.

We owe to those who rescued this historic building now established in a setting that is so widely admired.... I.e. present owners and the planners and Listed building officers ..... to reject this application

This development jars. It is too big, badly placed and of unsympathetic design.

I hope you will take these factors into consideration and reject this application.

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