Consultee Comment for planning application 20/02501/HP

Application Number	20/02501/HP
Location	Orchard Hill Upper End Birlingham Pershore WR10 3AA
Proposal	Erection of two storey side extension, replacement of porch, and single storey rear extension to replace conservatory.
Case Officer	Oliver Hughes
Organisation	Birlingham Parish Council
Name	Mrs J Hiden
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Comments	The Parish council finds itself split evenly between supporting the application and opposing it. Therefore, we set out below the fundamental issues raised in both camps, for the consideration of the planning officer appointed to this application. In balanced support of the application: The proposal does not adversely affect neighbouring properties and although the extension does not directly match the existing, I do not find it inappropriate. The extension doesn?t overlook neighbours and the upstairs room and balcony at the front looks towards the road and fields opposite. The footprint of the house has not been substantially increased. Off street parking is unaffected by the change. However, the extension on the right is a little out of keeping and overpowering with the symmetry of the original house, although the current flat roofed extension which it replaces is not in itself particularly attractive. Comments opposing the application strong reservations were expressed about the overdevelopment of small cottages within the village, in particularly this originally small cottage, and the possible precedent that this sets for future applications. The extension does seem to look ?odd? in so much as the aesthetics of the building and the proportions in relation to the original cottage look rather unbalanced. The modern style of the proposed first floor addition is also not in keeping with the character of the property or indeed the village. Whilst appreciating that the current flat roof is also not quite a redeeming feature. Summary: In essence we ask the planning officer to consider in considering this application, whether this is an over development of the plot. If the current single store extension, which may in itself have been too substantial an extension to so small cottage should be added too, contributing to the original cottage scale being difficult to recognise. Please also consider the appropriateness of the modern materials and components appropriateness.
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