

Item 4A

DC/2021/00125 – 10 St Andrew's Drive, Crosby. L23 7UX

PETITIONERS' STATEMENT IN OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION

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We thank you for the opportunity to present our objections to Planning Application DC/2021/00125 10 St Andrews Drive, L23 7UX.

We represent 12 units of 9 bungalows and 3 houses. The Drive's south side consists solely of bungalows including number 10, an attractive, well maintained bungalow. Its front garden contains 3 mature trees, a long, high beech hedge and bushes. Your Tree Survey will confirm, and Sefton's Tree Planting and Protection policy is clearly endangered.

The design of the two four bedroomed houses is inappropriate; it alters the vista line within the Drive, changing the character of the local environ in layout, density and appearance thus contravening 10/8 of the Local Plan EQ2. Some loss of ecological habitat would be inevitable and therefore a threat to wildlife in the area e.g. bats, sand lizards, red squirrels.

The loss of natural light and overshadowing will specifically affect numbers 12 and 8. Number 12 will be particularly badly affected, in the afternoons, spoiling quality of life with severe restriction of natural light to the lounge, bathroom, kitchen and utility room caused by a 30ft high building, extending 3 metres over the existing building line of the south side of St Andrews Drive. The invasion of privacy is of serious concern, including effecting solar panels and social usage with family visits.

The Road Safety Audit will show EQ3 is not complied with. Traffic generation and management could adversely affect highway safety. The Drive's through road is narrow and "on-road" and "part pavement" parking could become the norm leading to danger to pedestrians and inconvenience. Contra to the architect's conclusion, parking could cause problems for numbers 7, 9, and 11.

Recently 2 owners have successfully altered and/or extended their property, yet still maintained the character of the Drive.

The demolition and re-building project is likely to take 12 months plus. Noise pollution, including piling, builder's heavy traffic and machinery on a narrow road will be severely disruptive for the local community. One resident is registered blind, another wheelchair bound, and several over 80 years old.

The rear of the proposed houses will adjoin a line of trees in number 10's back garden. Wind, often severe in this area, will be denied escape routes resulting in a wind vortex, which could cause severe damage. Such phenomena experienced by Rev. Douglas, number 12, during his long career as a Liverpool Marine Pilot.

Flooding could also be a risk. The area is peat rich and heavy rains are now more common. Peat, in the immediate area, dried out following a decision to divert a tributary of the River Alt and lead to the collapse of 2 bungalows; sites which are now occupied by numbers 7 and 9 built in 2001-2.

Finally, we were under considerable pressure to prepare as the proposal letter arrived on 4/2/21 giving us 16 working days. Administration was difficult because of the pandemic. There was no other warning either on the property number 10, or community notices attached to lampposts etc..

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