

20th October 2016

From: 43Whitethorn Drive, Prestbury

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 16/01283/FUL – 2 STOREY REAR & SIDE
EXTENSION – 45 WHITETHORN DRIVE, PRESTBURY**

REPLY TO COMMENTS MADE 19.09.16:

- **Ground Disturbance.** With regard to the piling complications, we rang the company M & D Foundations, the letter attached with the comments of 19.09.16 from No. 45, and spoke with Steve Edgeworth, who confirmed they would not be responsible for any claims made by neighbouring properties if piling caused any damage. In fact they insisted that No. 45 MUST take out a Party Wall Agreement plan with Surveyors (at their cost) and as Mr. Edgeworth stated: “we have the power to stop the build next door until this is put in place”. We and our neighbours at 39 & 41 Whitethorn Drive are still extremely concerned about these piling issues.
- **Loss of views & light.** Our main concern to the extension is our loss of light, overbearing, overshadowing our patio, visually dominating our postage-stamp size garden, cutting out our sun light and in fact the extension is out of keeping in relation to its plot size. Although we would obviously prefer no extension, we would also ask the Planning Committee to look at the extensions passed on two similar designs of house as No. 45 on this Estate: No.65 Whitethorn Drive (an extension of the top storey from front of garage to rear of breakfast room, which is approximately 26 feet in length) or No. 2 Blackberry Field (top storey extension flush to the front of the house and out to the rear of the breakfast room plus a single storey extension at the rear). The proposed new extension would set a precedent to this Estate by allowing over-development, and would only be 7.5 metres away from the No. 39’s rear garden boundary!
- We welcome No. 45 and the Planners to view our wonderful view of Cleeve Hill escarpment from our Landing window; a glorious view we have cherished for over 31 years. Sitting on the sofa in our Sitting Room, we currently see the sky and trees – again we would be looking onto a solid brick wall with no sky view if the rear extension was granted.
- We would remind the neighbours that THEY erected a 6 foot fence less than 3 years ago, on their arrival – prior to that it was only 4’6”. We did however add a 1 foot open-trellis panel to the fence about 4 months ago, due to the constant damage to our garden plants from the neighbours’ footballs. For information, Bovis (the house builders) put in the tree close to the neighbours boundary.

- We object to the new proposed side kitchen window; cooking smells would pour out directly onto our seating area of our patio, less than 4 feet away. We currently have no windows overlooking the patio and object to this new window being created.

In conclusion, this proposed 2 storey side and rear extension is completely out of scale to the existing plot size and looms directly over our garden, obliterating our views, sunlight and sky. We would ask that the Planning Committee scale down the size of the proposed extension to No. 45.