

1 April Planning Speaker Statements

#5 - 25/05050/FUL 80 And 82 Lovell Road - Lovell Road Resident

I would like to strongly urge the councillors to consider that extra housing capacity can much more easily be created on Lovell Road by extending the existing properties at 80 and 82, rather than building a property in the back land gardens that will irretrievably change the character and pattern of use of Lovell Road, including defacing the front of 80 and 82 with doors in the original 1930s frontage and building an access road that could set a precedent for development elsewhere on the road as well as being an eyesore on one of the few remaining almost wholly original 1930s streets in Cambridge - particularly in the middle section of the road that this planning application is for. Councillors should also be aware that the land behind 82-90 Lovell Road has always (since the 1970s) been garden land attached to 82. There is no record of permission for commercial greenhouse that I have found and as far as I know from neighbours the land has only ever had planning permission for private/home gardening and a private/home garden greenhouse. This, according to people who lived on the road in the 1970s, is what it is was used for by the previous owner of 82.

With proper consideration of the extent of change of character and change of use of this garden back land and access road and considering extra living space can easily be created in the existing buildings, I believe the planning balance tips much more clearly into refusal.

I hope the councillors will save our street for us and for future generations!

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