

We disagree with the decision to refuse our planning application, particularly as the main reason given is that the proposed development would adversely affect the consistency and character of the houses within our cul-de-sac.

There are 10 properties within our section of the cul-de-sac, and they are by no means uniform in their design or appearance. Of these, three are detached houses, six are semi-detached bungalows, and one is a detached bungalow. Given the existing variation in the type and design of properties, we do not believe that our proposal would result in an unacceptable loss of consistency or harm the character of the cul-de-sac. If you consider all houses within Eyres Drive you would note that almost none of them match.

Furthermore, we received no objections to the application from the local parish council, the Highways Authority, or any neighbouring residents.

There are also concerns regarding the circumstances surrounding the decision. We initially instructed a planning company to submit and manage our application. On the day of the decision deadline, the planning officer contacted the company and indicated that the application was likely to be approved, but that an additional week was required to complete the necessary paperwork. This extension was agreed. However, following this, another employee reviewed the application and reached a different conclusion, resulting in the application being refused.

We therefore feel that the outcome was influenced by the subjective judgement of the individuals reviewing the application, rather than by any material change in the circumstances or any new objection to the proposal. This is particularly concerning given that the planning officer had previously indicated that the application was likely to be approved.

For these reasons, we respectfully disagree with the refusal and believe that the proposal is compatible with the existing character of the cul-de-sac. The varied nature of the existing properties, the absence of objections from neighbours and relevant authorities, and the circumstances surrounding the decision all support our view that planning permission should be granted.