

Planning Application for 10 Parkwood Road

As a resident of Parkwood Road and a Councillor for North Ward I would like to draw to your attention to a planning application for No 10 Parkwood Road (Application 4069/19/HHO) which will come before our Council's Development, Management and Licensing Committee. Photo attached.

You will probably know the application relates to a property in the Tavistock Conservation Area and to a building that that is defined as a 'positive building'. The definition of a positive building is set out within the Conservation Area Management Plan 2009 a map of the zone (which I can't presently find) identifies the positive buildings in the Zone and this is I believe one of them. I happen to live in one of these buildings (No 45) and have an interest to declare.

Notwithstanding my interest, I am concerned that the application to add a side extension to No 10 Parkwood Road would remove an original porch and extend the property to the east so removing a view through to the river and, more significantly, unbalance the property in a run of two pairs of near identical semi-detached houses built in 1864. Each have similar architectural features including a stucco work, porch and proportion.

This application seeks to replicate some of the stucco work but incorporates a single storey garage extension which ultimately could become a habitable space should the owner seek to change its use. Setting aside the possibility of a change of use or further extension, the application for the side extension, if approved, would open the possibility for other presently unaltered houses of this sort to undertake similar work.

Incidentally I am also concerned that a recently erected 'stockade fence' on top of the original walling to No 14 is also contrary to the Conservation Management Plan and although the workmanship is perhaps acceptable, the whole edifice is inappropriate for the Zone giving the appearance of a fortified space. I would welcome others opinions on this and perhaps the WDBC Conservation Officer taking a look.

From the Conservation Area Management Plan it says It is an an area has special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance then the council is required to designate it as Conservation Area. The buildings (8 - 14 Parkwood Road) are significant and in my view are probably worthy of Grade 2 listing). In my opinion this application does not enhance or preserve a building that is designated a positive building.

I ask that DM&L consider this application carefully when it comes before your committee.

Yours sincerely

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