

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2024/5549/P	Dr Karen Dorn	30 College Lane	24/04/2025 17:12:39	OBJ	<p>My comments on application no. 2024/5549/P are as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The description of the proposed amendments do not seem 'minor' as asserted by the applicant -- but major -- most especially in the case of 'Block 3' at the south of the site where it seems that the original consent would not have been granted if the amendments had been made at the time;2. At that time, objectors, as well as your Council, commented on an overdevelopment of the site, particularly damaging at the south end of the site, 'block 3' (designated as 'affordable' housing) resulting, there, in unacceptable standards of day-lighting, access, and overlooking -- as well as in the particular detail that access to all 8 flats in the block is only a few feet away from and facing straight into the living room of the flat at the same level;3. In seeking to overcome problems of daylighting in the bedrooms of flats on the north elevation of the block, further problems of overlooking have been introduced; (in this respect the drawings submitted are inadequate in giving the relation of the applicant's proposals to the surrounding buildings (including his own);4. But the most major of the amendments proposed is that to add, in effect, another storey to a building already over-bulky in its surroundings. (Seeking to correct earlier mis-judgements should not result in a less satisfactory end-result.) The application deserves, even on this ground alone, to be refused.5. The submissions on 'viability' are, of course technical, but I believe that residents (and even Councillors) would be grateful for your Council to have received professional advices that examine and criticise the assumptions made in the application, before accepting them. Such errors have been made in this project before (most notably in relation to the area of the site owned by the applicant) that it would be better not to repeat.
