

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2014/5278/L	Paul Beatson	37 Willow Road	07/09/2014 22:30:11	OBJ	<p>I am putting forward a strong objection to two parts of planning number 2014/4941/P and listed application number 2014/4941/L: firstly, the introduction to the property of a new sub-basement wine cellar as follows:</p> <p>I am unable to give an objection based on sound engineering or architectural credentials. My objection is grounded in logic based on what I know of the fabrication of the property only.</p> <p>I know that the nine properties of Willow Cottages have no foundations and are, therefore, each integral and reliant on each other to remain upright. I also understand that the ground which the structure as a whole sits up has bedded in a way which time has allowed to aid this. I fear that to change one part of this will change the whole.</p> <p>I have been made aware that to introduce this structure into the basement of number 40 will require the removal of considerable amounts of the bedded dirt beneath the house and that it is not yet certain just how much will need to be removed which could be more than the architect's drawings show. I believe the bedded earth under number 40 is part of a whole unit of bedded earth which has worked together across the terrace as a whole equally and together for 150 years to hold Willow Cottages upright and together as a unit. To remove one part would threaten the whole. Underpinning just one area under number 40 would not be an effective or equivalent replacement and, although may serve to hold upright number 40, may serve equally to weakening neighbouring cottages.</p> <p>16 years ago our neighbours in number 36 Willow Road carried out a series of internal works to their property - non of which were carried out with planning consent so we are unaware of what took place and it may have been superficial work only. However, for the period of a year during and after the work was carried out our property showed considerable signs of stress/movement to the walls. The plaster on the party wall was recorded at the time using the simple method of a pen mark across a crack. It showed degrees of movement where the pen mark separated in centimetres rather than millimetres. It made us very aware at the time that the properties are interconnected and reliant upon each other and that changes to one will affect another. As this work was not done under any approved scheme there was nothing we could do. However it has made us very aware of the degree of potential damage which can occur when change is introduced and just how susceptible this terrace can be as whole to change - particularly change which so radically alters the original specifications.</p> <p>Secondly - if the sash windows are upgrade the glazing bars should not be increased in profile. Modern technologies such as those known as "Thindow" or others would solve the issue of the depth of profile but as they are manufactured using modern materials they always have the look of something unoriginal/ new which would work in contradiction to this grade II listed property.</p>