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**To:** development.control@charnwood.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Application No. P/21/0816/2 - Objection

Dear Sir/Madam

I object to this planning application for the erection of a 2.5 storey extension to Highbury Care Home at 38 Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby, LE12 7NF, for the following reasons:

Design - 2.5 storey (its not just 2.5 'house' storeys - the height will be a lot more than that) is way too high and will be overbearing and incredibly intrusive to the Herrick Close residents, whose properties back onto the care home grounds. This will be even more evident considering the drop off of the ground to the South.

Effect on the appearance of the street - the proposed development will have a negative visual impact when entering/leaving the village and also will be visible and very intrusive from properties on Herrick Close and Mountsorrel Lane.

Currently there is a complete disregard for maintenance of the land to the rear of the property. The care home garden is currently an eyesore and we see no maintenance or upkeep, as it is completely overgrown, so if the home is unable to maintain a garden for its residents (which was a real feature of the home 15 years ago) then we have no confidence in them maintaining a building or caring about their neighbours. We could take photographs of the grounds, as seen from our back garden, if it would assist in visualising the issue.

Also to note we have contacted the manager of the care home twice in the last 12 months about issues with the trees in the care home grounds which are now blocking our satellite signal for Sky TV and thus we are suffering loss of television signal. On both occasions no response has ever been received. The trees are very close to our property, are mainly very large Ash Trees with clear signs of being diseased with Ash Die Back and are becoming dangerous.

We also note that other neighbouring properties in Herrick Close have had to pay themselves, out of their own pockets, to get tree work done on the trees in the Highbury Care Home grounds. This shows a complete lack of care and disregard to the Care Home neighbours, especially those in Herrick Close.

Permanent disturbance issues - we already experience noise and visual issues from the existing property (lights being left on, alarms/bells sounding, noise from residents, noise from air conditioning units/fans). This will be greatly exacerbated if the proposed development/extension is built.

Loss of privacy - proposed development of 2 - 3 storey bedrooms/offices will be overlooking homes and gardens of the properties on Herrick Close, and have an elevated position, and building will be too close to the boundaries (back gardens) of these properties.

Loss of daylight/sunlight - the proposed development will block a lot of light out of the properties on Herrick Close - as these gardens are south facing and the proposed development will be to the south of the properties on Herrick Close.

Traffic and parking issues - Mountsorrel Lane is already incredibly busy and dangerous with very high traffic movements, which are vastly increased at times of flooding in the village. More bedrooms/offices means more staff and visitors thus increasing the already high traffic movements. Parking issues are also already clearly evident outside the care home on Mountsorrel Lane, and any increase in staff and visitors will greatly exacerbate this problem. Along with other developments in the village, there is a constant increase in vehicle movements on an already suffering road network.

Building in open countryside - the development is within a Conservation Area and the Highbury building is of special interest. The proposed extension will be completely out of character with the original building.

Design - according to the plans there doesn't appear to be any provision for surface water drainage. Irrespective of this, with more hard-standing and man-made structures, there will be less capacity for natural rainwater absorption, and the direction of natural drainage is towards our back gardens, meaning potential further water logging in our gardens. Please also consider we live very near a flood plain.

I hope these issues are considered and contribute to the application being rejected.

A formal response to these issues listed above would be appreciated.

Thanks and kind regards

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