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Additional Representation

One further letter has been received from a resident at 12 Alen Square objecting to the application and advising that they are unable to attend the committee meeting due to childcare issues with a disabled daughter. They object on the grounds of loss of privacy and amenity arising from the proposed flats and car park for 28 cars. They also question why no one visited their property to assess the application.

Officer Comment

The objector makes reference to the layout and details in the original outline permission for a flatted development and not the current scheme. The current scheme would mean that there would be a rear garden of a two bed dwelling adjoining the boundary as opposed to a car park. As assessed in my report there would be a minimum distance of 21m back to back between the dwellings which is acceptable in planning terms.

Paragraph 5.1.2 of my report makes reference to three trees at the front of the site which are subject to a Tree Preservation Order; this is not the case. After consideration by the landscape officer and protection measures proposed by the applicant (including amendments to the site layout), officers were satisfied that the trees were not under threat from the development and it would not be expedient to serve a TPO.

Conclusion

My recommendation remains unchanged