

Development Management
Causeway House
Bocking End
Braintree
CIVIT 9HB

5 July 2020

Dear sir/madam

Re: Planning Application **Ref: 20/00146/FUL**

We wish to confirm that we strongly object to the proposed building for the reasons given in our statements dated 11 February 2020 and 5 June 2020. Our main concern is a safety issue.

The access is shared by the five terrace residents and the land owners with equal rights. It is used as pedestrian and cycling access by the residents daily.

The garage, which has been here since the 1960s, blocks access to the land behind for other cars and so serves the purpose of limiting the use of the access driveway. The current garage user has never used the driveway on a daily basis. Two of the current residents have been living here since the 1950's and 1980's and we are not aware of a car ever having been used on a daily basis. The previous landowner and garage owner was not a resident and lived some distance away in Highfields Road.

The access is narrow, flanked on either side by a high wall, and unlit. The front doorstep of house number 59 makes the driveway narrower still. The front door of 59 opens directly onto the access. Once this land is opened up to any property, there could be any number of cars accessing it (ie possibly 2 or 3 cars owned by the household, deliveries, carers, visitors, etc).

The access to Bridge Street has poor visibility. Should visitors – including young children or the elderly – or residents be entering or leaving number 59, cars pulling in or out are a potential danger. It is also inconvenient and unneighbourly to have people regularly driving passed your front door step.

We believe it is not a feasible or safe option. Thank you for addressing our concerns.

Yours faithfully

Residents at numbers 59, 61, 63, 65 and 67 Bridge Street.