About the application

Application number: 2022/93517	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 3 storey rear extension
Address of the site or building:	69, Mortimer Avenue, Healey, Batley, WF17 8BX
Postcode:	LS10 4DB

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I wish to object to the proposed plans for number 69 Mortimer Avenue under two broad headings:

Firstly, my experiences with the extension recently built at the other side of my house, number 73; and secondly, the effects the proposed development will have on my property.

1. Experiences with extension at 73

The extension at number 73 has recently been completed and has caused many problems for several years. It was built right up to the boundary with my property. Builders placed scaffolding on my patio and it was there for many months. It took away my privacy - workmen could see into my bedroom window and were in my garden every day. They removed my rotary clothes dryer and so I was unable to hang out washing for a year. I really had no use of my garden during that time, as it would have been dangerous to go out with workmen overhead. At one point they damaged my roof, rain seeped in and I had to redecorate a bedroom and the kitchen. The patio itself was damaged. The dirt and noise were hard to live with.

The extension at 73 severely reduced my view and has taken away much of the sunlight which I had enjoyed, living here for 44 years.

At the front, it became difficult for traffic to turn and to park as there were work vehicles and skips for much of the time.

I wondered if the planning process really considers the impact on neighbours. It did not seem like it.

2. Effects of the proposed development on my house.

The proposed extension to number 69 also appears to come right up to my property's boundary. This time I do not intend to allow access to my garden for any builders or their equipment.

It would block what light remains at the back of my house, making it very dark. It would also take away much of the remaining view. I expect that it would severely reduce the value of my own house.

The main drain at the back of the terrace is for all four houses. The plan appears to be to build over it. Would that cause future problems? Will the en suite in the basement affect the drainage? There was a blockage in the drain last year and Yorkshire Water found it very difficult to gain access.

It appears that all the problems of traffic at the front of the houses will be repeated.

As a girl in the 1930s I saw these houses being built. They were well designed and aesthetically pleasing. Their character is being destroyed by extensions such as this and I am sad, now in my nineties, to see this happening.