Kirklees Planning Application 2023/92017 Representation-Gomersal Hall

We, the undersigned, wish to make you aware of a number of strong objections that we have with regard to the proposed discharge of conditions which related to the approval of the application 2020/90350. This approval imposed conditions before allowing demolition of the existing buildings and erection of 7 dwellings and associated garages on the site of Gomersal Hall (within a Conservation Area) and so are material and integral to the consent given. As an immediate neighbour to the site of the proposed development, we are of the view that the proposed development will have a serious impact on our standard of living and wellbeing. Our specific objections are as follows:

1. The application 2021/94499 for demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a single marque dwelling was deemed by many of the immediate neighbours to be far more appropriate than 2020/90350 for this site, which is an integral part of the conservation area. Our original objections to 2020/90350 still stand. The planning objections to 2021/94499 by Kirklees Planning Dept. have never been made publicly available to the neighbours who would be affected by this application. Therefore, we remain of the view that application 2021/94499 remains preferable to 2020/90350, subject to satisfactory conditions being set for 2021/94499 in line with those set for 2020/90350.
2. With regard to the conditions set in 2020/90350, we see all the conditions as a safeguard for the interests of all the neighbours and for the ecology and amenity of the area. We remain opposed to the granting of this permission in principle, and are therefore opposed to any relaxation of all or any of those conditions that were set. In particular, condition 3 ensures that any development remains consistent with the Conservation Area and condition 7 mitigates the impact on the ecological value of the site. Both of these conditions will have long term impacts for the locality.
3. We also wish to advise that since application 2021/94499 was withdrawn, work on maintaining the condition of the site has reduced, with damage to the external perimeter walls not repaired and degradation of the ecology of the perimeter trees and understorey reducing the ecological value of the site.

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