

On 30 Jun 2020, at 12:24, Morris Ahmed wrote:

Please find below the text of my statement at the hearing today.

Best wishes

Morris Ahmed

8 Tidy Road

I moved to Maharishi Garden Village in 2009, and have lived and worked there before moving to 8 Tidy Road, and are still part of MGV community, I have also known the CCD team for almost 30 years.

My concern in plot 16 - It's a very large 3 story house.

And the 3D rendering supplied by the CCD visually reinforces the devastating effect the proposal will have on our quality of life - being a small two storey home, and having a three storey house overshadowing and looking directly into our garden, bedrooms, living room. Every single square inch of the back garden will be overlooked.

The impact is even greater as we work from home too and the garden is our escape and refuge throughout the day.

I had expressed my concerns to both directors of CCD.

Anthony Hardy came to our garden and I showed him exactly what it would be like.

23 April Peter Warburton told me not to worry and they will reconsider.

And on 1 May by text message, "We have figured out that we could swap the three story building on plot 16 with a one-story bungalow and have a screen of mature evergreen trees along our side of the fence. Would this work for you and Nicky?"

Thanks are due to the whole team. There are details to work out and Anthony will be in touch.” - this assurance from CCD is the reason why we did not send a written opposition to the development.

They never got in touch and their plans remained unchanged.

CCD's development is supposed to be about quality of life, but they have failed to consider other people's quality of life... that includes both ours and those of the potential future residences plot 16, as they will face exactly the same invasive privacy issues as we would. Unless of course they are a 'peeping tom', in which case it will be ideal.

Second point, is that moving to a conventional street again from MGV, I realised how much I had missed having neighbours opposite, and the sense of community that this naturally develops in the street over time. This was particularly highlighted during weeks of the NHS clap carers and the VE day street party... whereas looking out and just seeing fences and the backs of houses day after day, not having those opportunities throughout the day to say hello, wave or smile to a neighbour, over time becomes soul destroying and just feels isolating.

