

STATEMENT B1 – David Smith

Its important that the committee are aware that the 18m stated as being the closest distance of the proposed new houses to existing house in Cheswick Village, as communicated by the planning committee at the meeting on 1st September was incorrect.

The actual closest distance is 14.8m as communicated to the committee via an email from the resident of 56 Danby street On 12th Nov 2021. This email describes in detail the actual distances based on the councils plans.

This is significantly less than the 21M guideline discussed at the meeting on 1st September

This is very important when considering the fact that the prosed housing will also be 2.98m higher than homes only 14.8m away. There are a number of houses in this situation. For these the GRE guidelines on light and privacy are broken as stated by the plans from the Council already. With new houses this close and higher can only make this a lot worse.

The question remains why? Why can't the plans be adjusted as part of the committee review on 24th November, especially as the committee is now aware that the houses will be a lot closer.

Why did the planning committee give incorrect information on such an important matter that was brought up on the planning mention on the 1st September by councillors?

For the meeting on 24th Nov I understand the following is part of the objectives:

'Prior the construction of foundations, a general arrangement plan(s) indicating the existing surveyed ground levels of the site and the proposed finished floor levels of the development shall be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the development shall be completed in accordance with the approved details.'

So please can I ask the committee to work with the planning team to really look at the height of the new built in light of the new information given to you, to ensure the height and or the distance away is changed to ensure the boundary houses are not 'Collateral damage' for this development.

You have an opportunity to shape this moving forward, please can you take it to ensure the development does not so negatively affect boundary houses.