

Weston Mead  
Acre Ditch  
Sibford Gower  
OX15 5RW

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To whom it may concern

**Objection to planning application number 22/00332/F** – New Rectory, Acre Ditch, Sibford Gower, OX15 5RW – Erection of a double garage to the front of the dwelling to allow for overnight parking spaces.

Our family lives a very short distance from the site of the New Rectory development. Whilst we have been supportive of the development to date, we are unable to give our support for planning application 22/00332/F for the following reasons.

**1. The size and position of the proposed double garage will have an adverse impact on the views and surroundings of the street and the adjacent Conservation Area.**

The proposed double garage will be very prominently sited in the front garden. Due to the street and adjacent Conservation Area having a lower ground level to that of the front garden, the proposed double garage will dominate the views and surroundings of the street and the adjacent Conservation Area. The existing hedging along the front boundary will provide an element of screening but will not provide sufficient screening to fully mitigate the negative visual impact of the proposed double garage. We believe the size and the position of the proposed double garage will adversely affect the views and surroundings of the street and the adjacent Conservation Area.

**2. The size and position of the proposed double garage is not in keeping with the character and appearance of the street.**

The street is characterised by buildings which are set back from the road and there is no similar example of such a structure in other front gardens along the street. The proposed double garage would therefore have a significant negative impact on the character and appearance of the street. We believe the size and position of the proposed double garage will detract from the character and appearance of the street.

**3. A previous planning application for a structure in another front garden along the street, to allow for a parking space, was refused.**

We would draw your attention to refused planning application 07/02505/F involving the proposed erection of a car port in another front garden along the street. We believe the reason behind the recommendation of the case officer to refuse that application was reasonable and that planning application 22/00332/F bears similarities to that refused application.

Yours faithfully

John & Tamsin Purchase