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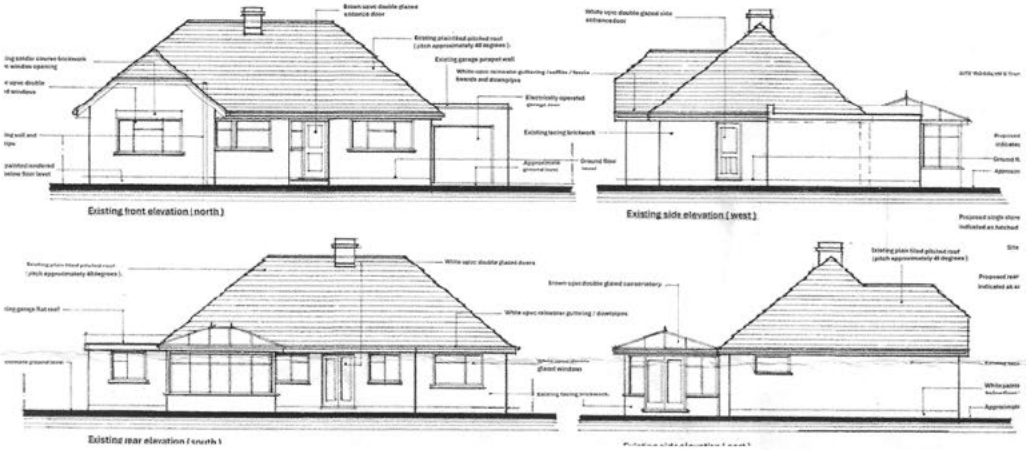
Trundle Mead - Planning application - Important

From Old Millmeads estate [redacted]
Date Mon 3/31/2025 5:00 PM

The new owners of **5 Trundle Mead**, a single-storey bungalow, have submitted a planning application to Horsham District Council (DC/25/0394) to convert it to a large two-storey (three-storey if you count the loft with roof lights) four-bedroom detached house.

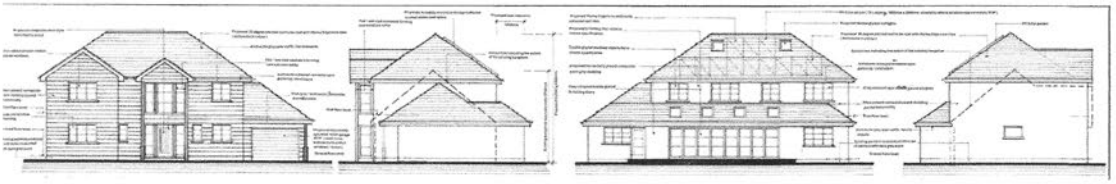
Please take a look at the submitted plans and the supporting photographs.

This is the current bungalow:





To be replaced with:



If allowed, it will seriously negatively affect the neighbours and alter the street scene and our estate forever. It will set a planning precedent for developing our estate's fit-for-purpose and attractive single-storey bungalows through out-of-keeping and overbearing construction on its neighbours. It will also lead to the loss of suitable single-storey homes for the elderly/disabled. I have been told that the new house will have a heat source pump to heat this home. Whether or not you think this is the eco-friendly future, how noisy will that be if unsympathetically sited, and would you want such a pump running 24/7 near your house wall?

This is the current street scene, but what would it look like with a substantial four-bedroom house instead of a bungalow? What do you think about the effect of future similar developments to our estate's bungalows?



If you can see what allowing this application will mean to the future of our estate and you agree with objecting (or if you support it), please do so as soon as possible and **before the 17th of April**, when the planning consultation period will close. Your submitted views for or against **are important**. Instead of going online, you can write a letter to HDC, the Planning Department, or use email planning@horsham.gov.uk. **If you don't, the applicants can rightly say that other residents haven't objected.**

In my humble opinion, this application contravenes the following policies of the current Horsham District Planning Framework 2015 (16.1 .2 and 33.2.3.4) because:

1. It will cause unacceptable harm to the amenity of occupiers/users of nearby properties through overlooking / noise (including potentially unacceptable noise from (if unsuitably unsympathetically sited) heat source pump) and not considering the sensitivities of surrounding houses.

2. This development's scale, massing, height and appearance are not of a high design standard and do not relate sympathetically to the current, long-standing built surroundings and street scene.

3. The loss of a single-storey bungalow, which has been, for many years, the home of an elderly resident, for which the bungalow and others on the estate were designed, reduces the availability of meeting the needs for suitable homes for the elderly/disabled. It also negatively alters the balance of properties on the residential estate comprising of Old Millmeads, Kingfisher Way, Trundle Mead, Little Grebe, Mallard Close, Martlets Close, Lakeside, Shortsfield Close, Teal Close & Widgeon Way.

You may have other objections or additional views and opinions, of course. Please let me know.

Policy 16

Strategic Policy: Meeting Local Housing Needs

1. **Development should provide a mix of housing sizes, types and tenures to meet the needs of the district's communities as evidenced in the latest Strategic Housing Market Assessment in order to create sustainable and balanced communities.**

2. **The appropriate mix of different housing types and sizes for each site will depend upon the established character and density of the neighbourhood and the viability of the scheme.**

Policy 33

Development Principles

In order to conserve and enhance the natural and built environment developments shall be required to:

1. **Make efficient use of land, and prioritise the use of previously developed land and buildings whilst respecting any constraints that exist;**

2. **Ensure that it is designed to avoid unacceptable harm to the amenity of occupiers/users of nearby property and land, for example through overlooking or noise, whilst having regard to the sensitivities of surrounding development;**

3. **Ensure that the scale, massing and appearance of the development is of a high standard of design and layout and where relevant relates sympathetically with the built surroundings, landscape, open spaces and routes within and adjoining the site, including any impact on the skyline and important views;**

4. **Are locally distinctive in character, respect the character of the surrounding area (including its overall setting, townscape features, views and green corridors) and, where available and applicable, take account of the recommendations/policies of the relevant Design Statements and Character Assessments;**

You can also email our 2 Holbrook West HDC Councillors:
Nigel Emery (also the HDC Chairman) [redacted]
and Chris Franke [redacted]

You can also email Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council, which has a say in planning applications in the unparished Denne area where we live: HorshamDNC@gmail.com

I appreciate your support; it's essential for our neighbourhood and worth protecting.

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"Supporting our neighbourhood."

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