

Cllr. Vanessa Brown
BH2020/01619 - 55 Goldstone Crescent
BH2020/01620 - 57 Goldstone Crescent

15th July 2020:

These two applications should be considered together. My objections concern both.

I am writing as a Ward Councillor to strongly object to both these planning applications. They are both to knock down a perfectly good family home and to build 7 flats on each site.

This is not the correct location for blocks of flats. There are some flats at the Old Shoreham Road end of Goldstone Crescent but only up as far as the first turning off Goldstone Crescent – Hove Park Road. These two houses are situated in the middle of owner occupied residential houses facing the park and are not near any flats. To pass these applications would set a terrible precedent.

The design has brought the proposed flats forward of the existing building line which is going to make them bulky and too dominant. At the moment the houses are set at an angle and accommodate the slight curve in the road.

All the houses have traditional pitched tiled roofs. These two buildings do have a tiled roof on all the elevations but it is only a half pitch with a flat roof at the ridge line.

Because of bringing these buildings forward towards the road the parking will be in front of the buildings. All the surrounding houses have driveways to the side of their houses for cars so this will ruin the street scene. There is also an inadequate number of parking spaces. There will be 14 flats altogether, some of them with 3 bedrooms, and yet only 6 parking spaces. This will put even more parking pressure on the area around Hove Park.

These two blocks of flats will also cause overlooking and a loss of privacy to the properties either side and to those in Hove Park Way who back onto the sites. 53 Goldstone Crescent is a bungalow and the windows and balcony on the Southern elevation will overlook the kitchen, bedroom and patio.

I would request that if the applications should be recommended to be passed they go before the Planning Committee for decision.

