



The Friends of Abingdon
Civic Society

Re: proposal to demolish the bungalow at 5 Northcourt Lane, Abingdon, and erect two four-bedroom houses.

Application number: P12/V0919

This application is a re-submission of Applications 11/00219/FUL, and 11/02669/FUL to which Friends of Abingdon submitted objections on 1 April 2011 and 2 November 2011.

Although the applicants have tweaked their plans once more, our concerns about the additional traffic likely to be generated in Northcourt Lane and the effect on the rural ambience of Northcourt Lane remain.

As pointed out in our previous objections, Northcourt Lane is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. The plans submitted indicate substantial parking for each property, which will add to the existing problems. In addition, the access is located very close to a blind bend on this narrow lane which is being increasingly used as a cut-through from Northcourt Road to Oxford Road.

We are also concerned that, if this application is approved, it will become a precedent for 'garden-grabbing' with a consequent increase in the density of building elsewhere in Northcourt Lane and the neighbouring areas.

Thus, for the reasons stated above, we recommend that this application is refused.

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