

**ITEM 4.7 – (14/03896/FULL1) – LITTLE WICKHAM, HILL BROW,
BROMLEY**

**ORAL REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM WARD MEMBER
COUNCILLOR CATHERINE RIDEOUT**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak tonight.

All three Ward Councillors support the residents' objections. The plan to demolish the existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement two-storey five bedroomed dwelling on land at the rear is not objected to in principle. What is objected to is the removal of a further 18 trees and shrubs in addition to the ones already felled in July 2014. The trees in question form an area of woodland at the rear garden of Stonelink which is needed to build Plot 2 and which effectively provides screening to nearby properties. I do not like to see trees felled and certainly not on this scale as they are an invaluable asset to the environment. In an age when air pollution is causing concern, trees make a huge contribution to purifying the air as they are our green lungs. The new dwelling will completely dominate Hadleigh especially as the ground is at least 4ft higher and all the screening will be gone and the rear garden will be completely overlooked because the new dwelling is so close. Bearing in mind the size of Little Wickham's and Stonelink's gardens, it does not make much sense to build so close to an existing property. Gardens are greenfield sites and as this is a backland development it would have no adverse effect but it is not in keeping as many of the dwellings in Hill Brow are characterised by spacious rear gardens and well-separated buildings.

The height of Plot 2 would be overbearing upon the adjoining property and would result in a loss of privacy in the rear garden of Hadleigh.

I would ask that this application be refused.

Thank you.