

**ITEM 4.13 – 1 BULLERS WOOD DRIVE, CHISLEHURST
REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY VISITING WARD MEMBER COUNCILLOR
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Members, I am sorry that I am unable to be with you this evening to speak to this item, but I know you will have read Mr Bhatia's recent circular expressing residents' concerns over this application, which also tried very hard to portray the visual impact this proposal, if approved, would have on the local street scene.

I also know that colleagues will have carefully read and considered the local Planning history, it is obviously right that colleagues must seriously consider the Inspector's findings at the appeal of an earlier application, however that successful appeal subsequently expired, unacted in March 2017.

My residents reluctantly accept that change of some description at both plots is however regrettably inevitable; their over-arching concern however is that the proposal before you this evening is quite simply too bulky, is taller than and carries far more mass that the application won at appeal and is in summary completely incongruous to the local street scene.

I completely endorse their sentiments, and would ask those of you who have been good enough to visit the site and have a good sense of the rising uphill nature to the entrance of Bullers Wood Drive, to simply visualise the replacement of the existing relatively low level arrangements with these 4 new homes to the left when doing so.

I am very concerned about the extra 3 foot in height being applied for at the existing appeal location, and would respectfully request Member's serious contemplation on that narrow point alone.

When we step further down the hill to No 1 we find a situation where the existing house at No. 1 has a height of 7.2m and an eaves height of 2.2m with a proposal to demolish, and replace with a dwelling 8.9m high and with eaves height at 5.6m.

This is compounded by the proposed increase in depth for both pairs of houses (13.4m) from the existing depth 12.0m. The scale of these four proposed dwellings is, in my view, completely overbearing and out of character to the neighbourhood which sits beyond

The visual impact from [1 Bruton Close](#) and [2 Bullers Wood Drive](#) in particular as well as Squires Wood Drive more generally must also be considered.

In summary, I urge colleagues to very seriously consider whether this application satisfies the criteria of BE1 and would ask you to consider refusal if like me, you believe that it comes up short.